



CHEERS! PUB GETS BACKING

Report by Heather Large

CAMPAIGNERS are celebrating now that a decision to give a Cradley Heath pub protection against developers was upheld after owners called for a rethink.

An internal review has taken place after the Haden Cross in Halesowen Road was listed by Sandwell Council as an Asset of Community Value (ACV). Pub owner, Jersey-based property developer New River Retail, had requested the review of the decision, which as owner it has a right to do.

The council has confirmed its decision to list the pub and its car park as an ACV, which allows the community to put together a bid to buy it should it go up for sale. It followed the setting up of a friends group to safeguard the future of the pub and fight plans to build a Co-Operative store on its car park.

Friends chairman Tim Haskey said: "I am very pleased that the hard work on behalf of the community undertaken behind the scenes by the committee has been vindicated with Sandwell's decision."

The Haden Cross was the first pub in Sandwell to be given ACV status, a development noted by communities across the region who are eager to protect their local.

The Friends group will hold a public meeting at the pub on Wednesday, June 10, at 7.30pm to discuss the latest situation.

Meanwhile, a campaign has been launched to protect the Maypole pub in Halesowen, which is also among the portfolio of 202 pubs that were bought by New River Retail from Marston's in a £90 million deal. Customers hope to follow in the footsteps of the Haden Cross campaigners and a petition has been launched by the newly-formed Friends of the Maypole.

Options

Chairman of the Friends of the Maypole Geoff Dixon said: "We are aiming for 200 signatures, petitions will be at the pub for residents and pub goers to sign."

The developers say options for the site in Bassage Road are still being reviewed and no firm decision had been made as yet.

New River Retail also say there is no threat to The Crown, in Simms Lane, Netherton, where landlord Robin Wall has spoken of his concern about competition from a proposed neighbouring convenience store.

New River spokesman Martin Hughes said: "Where small convenience stores have been delivered alongside public houses, a community hub has been created which has meant that the pub can benefit from linked trips."



The Haden Cross is an asset

Staff moving out due to car park problem

AROUND 100 workers will move out of offices based at Stourbridge's Mary Stevens Park after complaints they were clogging up parking spaces.

Dudley Council agreed to find an alternative site for its staff after the Charity Commission launched an investigation. Around half of the workers based at the park will move to an alternative site in Wordsley.

Since 200 Dudley Council children's services staff were transferred to a park building last year, campaigners have complained that they are using up parking spaces that should be available for the public.

Stourbridge MP Margot James launched a petition, signed by almost 450, calling for the council to find a long-term solution to the problem.

She also called on the Charity Commission to investigate the council's use of the car park, in light of the 'deed of gift' from Ernest Stevens, which bestowed the park to the public.

Ms James said the Commission wrote that it would be 'an unacceptable situation' for the car park to be fully occupied by staff at the expense of local residents.

New law to tackle stray horse issue

NEW laws aimed at preventing the illegal grazing of horses or the animals being abandoned on public land have come into force.

As many as 3,000 horses are thought to be illegally 'fly-grazing' across the country and the Black Country has long been one of the areas badly affected.

During the past 12 months, a total of 100 horses have been rounded up from streets and fields across Dudley and Sandwell.

Changes to The Control of Horses Act 2015 are designed to ensure that horse owners who graze their animals without permission can now be dealt with more quickly and effectively.

The new law, which has been welcomed by the RSPCA, means that irresponsible owners can have their horses seized by the landowner and then sold or otherwise removed within just four days. They can also be charged for any damage to the land and for care of the horses.

In Dudley, 51 horses were collected between April 2014 and March this year. Hotspots include Fens Pool nature reserve, Pensnett, and land near Russells Hall estate.

Flying the flag for Black Country Day



Black Country Mon at Dudley Castle with Black Country Day organisers Steve Edwards, Councillor Pete Lowe, Billy Spakemon and James Stevens

Bostin' superhero

IS it a bird? Is it a plane? No, it's the Black Country's very own superhero.

Black Country Mon is launching this year's Black Country Festival, which is being held next month.

The mascot will be flying in to community events at the month-long festival created to celebrate Black Country Day on July 14.

Thousands of people got involved with the inaugural celebrations last year and now organisers are calling for people to get their Black Country flags on display in readiness for its return during July and August.

The black, white and red flag with its chain motif will be flying from landmark locations across the four Black Country boroughs, in-

cluding at Dudley Castle and Dudley Town Hall.

Dudley Zoo will also be joining in the fun by teaching Charlie, a blue and gold macaw to speak in Black Country dialect.

Writer and performer Billy Spakemon has penned a Fly the Flag song to encourage people to show their Black Country colours.

Billy, from Oldbury, said: "It was wonderful to see so many people of all ages celebrating the Black Country at last year's festival and we want to start building the excitement now for an even bigger celebration this year."

One of the main events of the festival will be held in Stone Street, Dudley on July 11.

CARE

Plans put forward to replace complex

PLANS to demolish an elderly care home and replace it with a new complex have taken a step forward after an application was submitted. The 66-bedroom development would replace Shenstone House in Halesowen.

A planning application has been submitted to Dudley Council and will be considered by officers in the coming weeks.

Developers say the new site will provide modern facilities for residents. A report with the plans states: "The proposed facility would offer those in need of care improved quality and choice of accommodation."

NATURE

Opening date for RSPB visitor centre

THE RSPB's £400,000 visitor centre in Sandwell Valley will open on July 16.

The centre, called Nature's Reach, is being built on the site of a building which was damaged in an arson attack five years ago.

When it opens, the site off Tanhouse Lane, West Bromwich, will feature a two-storey building that will not only be used by staff and visitors, but also volunteers and community groups.

After the arson attack in 2010, a temporary building was the reserve's hub.

ATTRACTION

Jumping for joy as 15 jobs are created

AN INDOOR trampoline park will open in Stourbridge, creating 15 jobs, under plans.

Proposals for the complex, earmarked for a unit on Stourbridge Estate on Mill Race Lane have been submitted to Dudley Council.

There will be connected trampolines, covering an area measuring 5,381 sq ft, as well as a foam pit area. There will be a training trampoline with harness and a basket ball slam dunk zone. The plans also include a viewing area and café bar.

The centre would be open seven days a week under the proposals lodged by L & C Commercial Ltd.

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Jail for counterfeiter who used eBay

A FATHER-OF-THREE who ran a £250,000-a-year fake clothing racket from the garage of his Stourbridge home has been jailed for two years.

Ian Guy ignored repeated warnings to halt his massive counterfeit trade in which goods were sold throughout the world via the internet.

The 38-year-old's business Guy Tees, which ignored copyright on logos and images, cost major companies and a host of pop singers and bands over £500,000 in potential losses over two years by printing T-shirts and hoodies.

Wolverhampton Crown Court heard that the sales of the fake goods on eBay between 2010 to 2012 topped £250,000.

Mr Mark Jackson, prosecuting, explained: "The operation was professional, well organised and extremely profitable, selling worldwide."

Guy started a legitimate enterprise in 2005 but five years later was using state-of-the-art copying equipment in the garage of his John Corbett Drive home to churn out counterfeits.

Lawyers for companies hit by the racket told him to stop in December

2011 and again in July of the following year but he carried on regardless while claiming child tax credit and never declaring his true earnings to the authorities, maintained Mr Jackson.

A tip-off triggered an investigation by Dudley Trading Standards culminating in a September 2012 raid on Guy's home that revealed counterfeiting equipment, hundreds of blank T-shirts, dozens of goods packaged for dispatch and tell-tale documents. Analysis of computers disclosed 2,500 files of trade mark images.

Mr Stephen Hamblett, defending, said: "This was not fraudulent from the outset. He saw what others were doing on eBay."

"He has brought ruin on his family. There are no winners in this case."

Guy admitted seven specimen charges including knowingly carrying on a business for the fraudulent production, sale and supply of counterfeit goods and their packaging.

Guy was given six months to pay £130,000 or face a further two years in jail and pay £18,500 costs to Dudley Council.

Pensioners are harassed by charity cash appeals

AN ELDERLY couple are at their wits' end over the number of begging letters from charities that they receive - they have been sent so many they could wallpaper their lounge with them.

Kindly Betty and Roy Griffin, from Dudley, give regularly to several charities but say they feel 'squeezed' to give more. They fear that vulnerable elderly people are becoming targets for professional fundraisers.

Mrs Cooke, aged 79, said: "These people are vultures. They're trained in the best ways to achieve the right result. It's easy to get lured into giving and you're left feeling awful if you don't."

The couple were moved to speak out after reading about the tragic death of pensioner and Poppy seller Olive Cooke whose body was recovered from the Avon gorge in Bristol after she confided that she was being tormented by cold-callers from charities urging her to give more.

Inquest

An inquest heard that the 92-year-old war widow, who was one of Britain's longest serving poppy sellers, had felt under pressure from the number of requests she received from charities by phone and letter.

Mr and Mrs Cooke say they know what that feels like. They changed their telephone number three times in order to avoid such calls.

Retired dinner lady Betty said: "We got a block put on the line but it only lasted three months. The last time we changed our number we went ex-directory."

"This is what Olive was having to put up with, phone calls day and night. It's like they're entitled to a donation - it's pressure."

Sitting at the kitchen table in the couple's cosy semi-detached home, she showed the bizarre collection of gifts that are included in some of the letters, intended to guilt-trip re-



Harassed Dudley pensioner Betty Griffin with some of the begging letters from charities asking for money

cipients into forking out more cash. These include free sticky labels bearing their names and address, thermal gloves, rosary beads, scarves, religious texts, a crucifix and baby socks.

The good-hearted pair have always given consideration to the charities they support, giving £5 monthly donations to the RSPCA and the Dogs Trust and making further one-off contributions during the year, mainly in response to crisis appeals, as well as sending money at Christmas on their six favourite charities.

Betty puts £1 a week in a box and divides it up at the end of the year

between the Red Cross, Salvation Army, Dogs Trust, Mother Teresa's Missionaries of Charity and the International Fund for Animal Welfare. Her husband, a retired metal worker, would like to give more of their modest income but Betty has had to put her foot down.

She says the number of charity requests they have received has escalated in the past year, with a pile six inches deep arriving every month.

"I could wallpaper our lounge with them. Every other post brings more," says the grandmother-of-two. "I've now got to the point of not reading them."

"My husband gets upset when

I say 'bin it'. You've got to harden yourself. You feel mean sometimes, and I'm not that way at all. It hurts."

"We've worked hard all our lives and we feel we're being squeezed."

They choose to keep more control over their money by sending cheques rather than signing up for Direct Debit payments. But they fear for other elderly people, especially those with dementia.

Betty said: "These are things that pensioners really are worried about, especially those living alone. Something needs to be done. The elderly do seem to be targeted with this sort of mail and even the Government can't seem to stop it."

Man's arm was sliced in machete gang attack

A MAN'S arm was almost severed in an attack by a gang of eight men wielding bats and a machete in Quinton.

Police say the victim, a 24-year-old, is lucky to be alive after the brutal assault and remains in hospital being treated for his serious wounds.

Police made an appeal for witnesses this week and said they believe it was a targeted attack.

The man was in a property in Rillstone Road with a friend when a number of vehicles pulled up at around 6.15pm Tuesday (May 26).

Officers say he went outside to see what they wanted and was attacked by around eight men with bats and struck with a machete, seriously injuring his right arm and back.

An appeal has been launched by police who want to speak to any witnesses to the vicious attack.

Ferocious

Detective Sergeant Reg Collett said: "This was a ferocious and violent attack and the man is lucky not to have been fatally injured. We believe this to be a targeted rather than random attack and we have carried out house to house and CCTV inquiries in the area."

"I would urge anyone who witnessed the assault or saw any vehicles driving at speed in the area around the time of the attack to contact me - all calls will be treated in the strictest confidence."

Anyone with information is asked to call police on 101 or Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.

MP in police plea to Home Secretary

THE front counter at Dudley Police Station has closed, leaving Dudley as the largest town in the country without a police station open to the public.

More than 2,200 signed a petition calling for the controversial closure not to happen but West Midlands Police bosses decided to go ahead anyway as part of plans to save £3 million.

Ian Austin, MP for Dudley North, has written to Home Secretary Theresa May urging her to offer West Midlands Police a fairer share of funding to keep stations like Dudley open to the public.

Front desks at Stourbridge, Halesowen, Tipton and Wednesbury have already closed.

Mr Austin said: "I'm very disappointed but I'm determined to keep fighting for the station."

Hear mandolins, guitars and banjos

GUITARS, banjos and mandolins will feature in a concert by the Midlands Fretted Orchestra.

Zing Go The Strings will take place at St James's Church in Wollaston on Saturday at 7.30pm. Tickets cost £8 on the door r from Music Matters, Stourbridge.

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League left facing the final whistle after century

THE Dudley and Cradley Heath Football League could be forced to fold after more than 100 years due to a shortage of teams.

The league had as many as 118 clubs in its 1980s heyday but only has eight teams signed up for next season.

Last season the league had 16 teams competing across two divisions. But bosses say only half that many have so far signed up for the 2015/16 season, starting in August.

General Secretary Bryan Sutton said: "We are hoping this will not be the end for the league altogether but you cannot play with less than eight teams. If one were to drop out that could be the end. Really we need 12 to be in a division. It would be very sad if the league was forced to fold. It would be very sad."

The league was formed in 1910 as the Cradley Heath and District Amateur Football League. Mr Sutton said in the 1980s up to 118 clubs were on its books. He said people staying out later on Saturday nights and dwindling sponsorship for teams could be behind the current struggle.

"Most sponsors used to be the local pub but a lot of those pubs have gone," he said. "If you a ran a football team from a pub and it changed landlord and he was not interested you could go down the road to another and he would support you. There seems to be a lack of interest in Sunday football now."

Any teams interested in joining the league can contact Mr Sutton on (01384) 295651.

Former library set to become homes

STOURBRIDGE'S former town library and technical college will be converted into homes under plans poised to be given the go-ahead.

Developers have revealed their proposals for the Old Library, a Grade-II listed building, which stands on the corner of Hagley Road and Church Street, near the town's railway station.

It would see part of the ground floor, basement and the entire first and second floors converted into 23 apartments. Another part of the building is currently occupied by BBLB Corstorphine and Wright Architects.

Dudley Council planning officers have recommended the scheme is given the go-ahead. The final decision will be made at a meeting on Monday.

Temporary lights during rock work

IMPROVEMENTS are being carried out beside a road in Stourbridge. Temporary traffic lights will be installed in Worcester Road for five days from Monday so safety netting can be installed on a rock face.

Drink and drugs thug jailed for attack

A VICIOUS thug high on a cocktail of drink and drugs has been jailed for eight years for beating an innocent man to within an inch of his life in Stourbridge High Street.

Joshua Bernard attacked Callum Duncan after taking cocaine and drinking Champagne, brandy, 10 shots of sambuca and sharing two jugs of vodka and Red Bull with his girlfriend.

Bernard was out celebrating his 21st birthday with his partner when they began to argue outside a pub in Stourbridge High Street at 2am on January 16. His girlfriend called out to Mr Duncan, who is in his 20s, for help and he began to cross the road to assist her but, before he could reach her, Bernard burst forward and felled him with a single punch.

The victim lay unconscious in the middle of the road while being punched, kicked and stamped on by the attacker until his girlfriend managed to pull him away. But as she tried to care for Mr Duncan, Bernard returned to kicked the defenceless victim in the head. A footprint was left on the victim's forehead.

The savage beating was witnessed by a monitor watching the CCTV feed, who alerted police. Bernard ran away as officers arrived but was caught after a chase.

Self-employed Mr Duncan, who had never met his attacker before, had his nose shattered and cheekbone fractured. He remembers nothing of the incident because of his injuries. The amount of drink

and drugs taken by Bernard meant he had no memory of the attack either. But when shown the CCTV footage by police, he confessed: "That was sick – beyond disgusting."

Mr Harpreet Sandhu, defending at Wolverhampton Crown Court this week, said: "He is still revolted by what he did." Bernard from Gower Street, All Saints, Wolverhampton, pleaded guilty to causing grievous bodily harm with intent and was jailed for eight years by Judge Nicholas Webb. Judge Webb told him: "When he was lying unconscious on the ground, you approached again and unleashed an almighty kick that moved his head a considerable distance. It was a dreadful thing to see and could so easily have killed him."

More than 130 jobs are axed in council's cull

MORE than 130 jobs will be axed by Dudley Council in a bid to cut costs.

The council is looking to make 134 voluntary and two compulsory redundancies in 2015/16. Council leaders said they had worked to keep compulsory redundancies to a minimum.

It follows the loss of more than 700 posts during the previous four years.

The budget proposals for 2015/16 have included a shake-up of Dudley youth services to save £200,000. Burial fees have also been increased in a move, expected to bring in £520,000 in the next three years.

Other cost-cutting proposals include plans to turn off some street lights after midnight, saving £100,000 by 2018.

But proposals to axe free transport for children with special needs in Dudley were shelved following objections from concerned parents.

Council tax and council home rents have been frozen along with stall fees on Dudley Market.

The council needs to make savings of £22.1 million during the current financial year, rising to £24.3m in 2016/17 and £26.3million in 2017/18.

Gap

But this will still leave a further gap of £32.7m which will need to be addressed by 2017/18.

Council leader Councillor Pete Lowe said: "Dudley has been impacted significantly as a result of national government cuts and as a result we have authorised 134 voluntary redundancies and two compulsory redundancies.

"We will continue to keep compulsory redundancies at a minimum – they will and be our last resort whilst continuing to advocate for a fair funding deal for Dudley and local government."

As part of a shake-up of the youth services in the borough, 27 youth workers have left through voluntary redundancy and six people have been redeployed to other roles within the authority. The hours covered by the staff equate to six full-time roles.

Voluntary groups will be drafted in to help run some of the activities at the borough's seven youth centres. It will cost parents more to send children to Astley Burf Outdoor Adventure Centre in Worcestershire.

The council has slashed the number of director and assistant director posts from 22 to 11.

D-reem date with Joey is cut short



Devoted fan Shanna Martin, from Worcestershire, takes a selfie with Joey Essex at the Merry Hill Centre

HE readily admits he's not the sharpest tool in the box but that didn't stop more than 500 fans turning out to meet reality TV star Joey Essex. The 24-year-old brought a touch of Essex to the Black Country for a book signing at Waterstones in Merry Hill.

He posed for pictures with fans who queued for almost five hours to meet the TOWIE star at the Brierley Hill centre – although many were disappointed when

he left after less than two hours. Fans had queued from as early as 7am on Friday to meet Joey and get signed copies of his latest book, The Book of You (and Me).

Joey, who has his own series Educating Joey Essex, which sees the celebrity travelling the world to fill gaps in his knowledge, waved at the crowd before signing copies and posing with fans.

Joey superfan Shanna Martin, aged 16, said: "I ran straight up

to him and said 'what are you saying?' and he said it straight back to me. He was a really down to earth guy." The book, Joey's second after his biography 'Being Reem', includes doodle pages.

He only made it halfway through the queue before he had to leave. Alex Mason, of Waterstones, said: "Joey was here until just after 1pm but had to end the signing to attend other signings and a television appearance."

NEWS IN BRIEF

Nations unite for play at museum

ACTORS from Jamaica, Poland, India and Spain are uniting in a play at the Black Country Living Museum.

The White Shining Land by Black Country playwright David Calcutt tells the story of a group of travellers crossing an ocean, heading for a 'promised land' of their dreams, who tell stories about their homelands

Mr Calcutt said: "We are working with a cast of community actors. Some are migrants who have come to the Midlands."

The play will be performed on Saturday at 12.30pm and 2.30pm.

Two in custody facing charges

TWO men have appeared in court charged with drug and gun crimes.

Mohammed Ali, aged 28, and Ravinder Sohail, 25, were arrested in Halesowen last week. Both men appeared before Dudley magistrates on Friday. Ali, of no fixed address, is charged with possessing a firearm with intent to endanger life and possession with intent to supply class A drugs. Sohail, of Cemetery Road, Smethwick, is also charged with the drugs offence.

Both have been remanded in custody and will appear at Wolverhampton Crown Court on August 21.

Ten thousand use care centre

MORE than 10,000 patients have been through the doors of Dudley's new urgent care centre since it opened three months ago, new figures show.

The centre, designed to take the pressure off Russell Hall Hospital's busy A&E department, replaced the walk-in centre at Holly Hall.

Chiefs estimate that almost 1,500 of the patients seen at the new centre would have previously turned up at A&E. Patients are assessed by a nurse at the centre.

Factory team's charity cycling trip to seaside

CYCLISTS from a Dudley shop fitting and design business is taking part in a 134-mile charity cycle ride.

The Alan Nuttall employees will be cycling from their factory in Hall Street to Weston-super-Mare on June 27 to raise funds for Brain Tumour Research and Queen Elizabeth Hospital, Birmingham.

The charities were chosen by two colleagues who have been diagnosed with cancer and are undergoing treatment.

Race for Life events

WOMEN have until Monday to register for the Race for Life at West Park in Wolverhampton. The 5k Cancer Research UK event is on Wednesday, June 10, at 7pm. To sign up visit www.raceforlife.org or call 0300 123 0770. Similar events are at Himley Hall on July 12 at 10.30am and 2.30pm.

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THE BEST OF PETER RHODES



SADLY, we will never know the answer to the most intriguing question in Ireland's referendum on gay marriage: how would the clergy of Craggy Island have voted? I suspect Father Ted would have been a No, Jack would have been a Yes and Dougal would have gone to the police station instead of the polling station.

SAME-sex marriage in Ireland came about not merely through lobbying by gays but on the secret votes of millions of heterosexuals who have nothing but goodwill towards the gay community. If nothing else the Irish referendum should provide food for thought for those gays who like to convince themselves that everybody hates them. On this showing, two-thirds of the population loves them.

ONE of the many great public services performed by this column was to draw your attention to Car Share (BBC1), the brilliant Peter Kay comedy based on the blissfully simple idea of a supermarket manager giving a member of his staff a lift to work each day.



Six episodes were a delight and what a joy it was to see both Kay and his co-star Sian Gibson occasionally losing it in fits of laughter. But now there is talk of a second series. Oh, beware. The secret of great comedy is to leave the punters wanting more.

That is what John Cleese and Connie Booth wisely did when they ended Fawlty Towers after just 13 episodes. At the other end of the scale was Last of the Summer Wine which just went on and on.

IT is hard to question the accepted theory of evolution without being cast as a religious nut. But how many of us rational atheists were fascinated by the display of insect-eating plants at Chelsea Flower Show? The best-known of these has trigger-hairs on its jaws. It ignores an insect touching one of the hairs once. But at the second touch, the jaws snap close. So what we have here is a plant that knows how to count. Using Darwin's theory of natural selection and survival of the fittest, how on earth did the Venus fly trap evolve?

Don't miss Peter Rhodes every Monday to Friday in your Express & Star

HS2 cost? Don't ask us says the Government

HS2 bosses have admitted they do not know how much the rail line will cost as they are still using estimates from four years ago.

Campaigners asked chiefs whether the £50bn cost quoted in 2011 had changed.

The response said they 'do not hold this information' and that there is 'no business need' for it. But protesters fear the figure is rocketing and say the public have a right to know how much the line from Birmingham to London will eventually cost.

By Adam Burling

Multi-million-pound contracts are now up for grabs to build the line, which will cut through swathes of the Staffordshire countryside.

Campaign group Stop HS2 says rising wages in the construction sector will see the total cost increase even further.

Chiltern councillor Seb Berry submitted a freedom of information request asking for the figures.

Inflation

But HS2 Ltd replied saying: "We do not hold this information" and the Department for Transport said: "I am writing to advise you that following a thorough search of our paper and electronic records, I have established that the information you requested is not held by this department because we have no business need to estimate the cost of HS2 in 2015 prices."

Councillor Berry said: "It beggars belief that ministers don't know what the

current price tag of HS2 is. Surely the DfT must know the answer to this most basic of questions? In their own PR terms it's obviously better for Government and HS2 Ltd to keep using the lower 2011 prices figure, a fact rarely, if ever, explained in coverage of the scheme."

Stop HS2 campaign manager Joe Rukin said: "You would have thought that the Government might think that the effect of inflation, especially when construction wage inflation was four times that of average wages and three times general inflation last year, is important when they started with a cost of £32bn in 2010 and are already up to £50bn."

"The Government's own figures for public sector construction show that the cost of contracts went up by 13 per cent between 2011 and 2014, but they are choosing not to apply this fact to the cost of HS2, because it will damage the case for their vanity project."

Sister's gesture is a cut above



Brave move — Emily Morris, front, and big sister Lauren

A TEENAGER who has alopecia has taken her bandana off for the first time in six years after her big sister shaved her head in solidarity.

Emily Morris from Halesowen has spent nearly half her life hiding her thinning hair after she was diagnosed with alopecia in 2007.

But now, thanks to her big sister, Lauren, aged 16 — who shaved off her long brown locks to raise money in memory of their mother — she's found the courage to step out in public without her bandana.

Emily, 14, said: "Seeing Lauren without any hair made me realise that I had nothing to be ashamed of and gave me enough strength to take it off."

"I promised her that if she shaved her hair off I would go to school without my bandana."

Since her diagnosis in 2007, Emily has struggled to feel accepted by other girls her age as so many have long hair.

Their mother Denise died of breast cancer in 2007. So far the charitable act has raised more than £1,500. The money will be going to the Little Princess Trust.

Football pitch huge fee rise is scrapped

A CONTROVERSIAL decision to hike fees for football pitch hire in Dudley borough by £200 is set to be scrapped.

Coaches and players were angered when councillors voted to increase pitch hire costs by up to 40 per cent for the 2015/16 season.

Senior adult teams were set to see fees rise from just over £500 per year to around £710 under the policy which was ratified as part of the authority's annual budget.

But now Dudley Council has revised its charges for pitch hire. The fee for a season's hire is to be set at £518 — a much smaller increase.

Conservative opposition leader on the council, Councillor Patrick Harley helps run High Acres Football Club in the Dudley and Cradley Heath Football League. He said: "Common sense has prevailed. It would have been lunacy and would have put teams out of existence to have had a 40 per cent rise in fees. I think a two per cent rise people can accept. They accept fees will inevitably rise to some extent."

"People will pay more if they have better facilities. The council is right, pitch fees are higher elsewhere, but the quality of the pitches is also much, much better. They have neglected the fields here. We are working in the dark ages when it comes to sport in Dudley."

The fees for 2015/16 are set to be rubber-stamped on Monday.

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Councillors more aware of dementia

DUDLEY is bidding to become a dementia friendly town by pledging to support people with the condition.

The Dementia Friends initiative has been set up by the Alzheimer's Society to increase awareness of the symptoms and how to help sufferers.

Council leader Councillor Pete Lowe, deputy leader Councillor Judy Foster, chief executive Sarah Norman are among those to become 'Dementia Friends'. They will look at ways to improve the town to make it more accessible for sufferers.

Councillor Lowe said: "As a community council, we recognise our duty to respond to the needs of residents and are delighted to support this national campaign to help the increasing numbers of residents affected by dementia.

"If we all signed up to become a Dementia Friend then the borough would strengthen its reputation as a friendly, welcoming place in which to live and work. We all know someone who is either living with the condition or caring for someone in need. By becoming aware of the symptoms of dementia we can help more and more people continue to play an active and fulfilling part in their community."

Dudley's dementia gateways staged a host of activities as part of national Dementia Awareness Week.

Visit www.dementiafriends.org.uk or www.alzheimers.org.uk

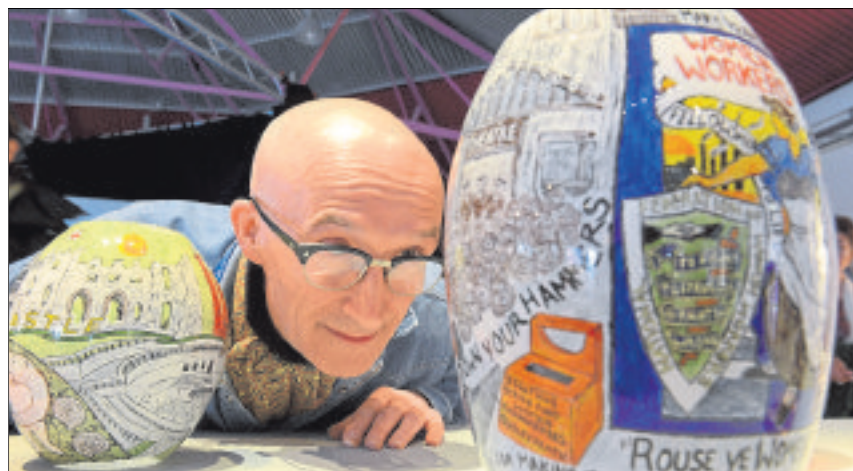
Seconds out for the sounds of Summer

YOUNG Australian band 5 Seconds of Summer have sold out both of their gigs at Birmingham Barclaycard Arena tomorrow night (Friday) and Saturday.

The four-piece outfit's self-titled debut album was released a year ago and has reached no1 in 11 countries. 5SOC were formed in Sydney in 2011.

Plans for two more care homes in borough are put 'on hold'

Classy glass award winners at festival



Vic Bamforth from Stourbridge with examples of his work on show at the international glass festival

A NEW generation of artists have been showcasing their skills in contemporary glass.

The British Glass Biennale draws entries from around the world to exhibit during the International Festival of Glass that was held in Stourbridge's well known Glass Quarter.

The International Festival of Glass was at venues across the area last weekend.

Two artists from the Black Country were among 77 to be recognised as part of the biennale held at the Ruskin Glass Centre, Wollaston Road, Amblecote. Main award winner, scoop-

ing the £3,000 British Glass Biennale prize, was Pembrokeshire artist Ashraf Hanna, who created two pieces in kiln-formed glass.

Ex-Wolverhampton University student Elliot Walker, 27, was another to win support, worth £3,000, after successes with Still Life with Lime.

MULTI-MILLION pound plans to build two new independent care centres for older residents have been put on hold.

A deal had been struck between care developer Midland Heart and Dudley Council to build five extra care housing facilities by 2015.

But only three have been built — on the Russells Hall estate in Dudley, at Coseley and in Cradley. Further schemes are under review. Midland Heart spokesman Richard Brooker said: "The plan is for five extra care facilities, however the project is currently 'on-hold'. This is so that we can jointly review both the level of demand and necessary funding availability."

Extra care housing is designed for people to live independently in their own homes while receiving tailored care and health services.

Dudley Council introduced extra care housing as it sought to close existing care homes, a plan which sparked controversy.

Petition

More than 5,000 people signed a petition which led to council chiefs overturning plans to close New Bradley Hall in Kingswinford. The home is now run by a third party, Black Country Housing Group. But other homes, in Pensnett and Amblecote, did close.

The former Cradley High School site, near Homer Hill Park, was demolished with the land being used to build the third centre. Called Lime Gardens, the £16 million centre which has more than 100 apartments, opened its doors in February.

Dudley Council housing chief, Councillor Gaye Partridge, said: "We intend to have an additional two extra care housing developments in the borough but are unable to give a timescale on this, as we first must identify sites which could be suitable for such schemes."

Walkway bid to boost trade in Brierley Hill

BRIERLEY Hill town centre is in for a boost with a new walkway linking it to Merry Hill and The Waterfront.

Council bosses want to increase visitor numbers and help breathe new life into the town centre, which has fallen on hard times in recent years.

They are now drawing up regeneration plans to change the fortunes of the town with its shops also earmarked for a revamp.

A new walkway between the High Street and Merry Hill is among the proposals. It would also link up with The Waterfront complex to make it easier for shoppers to get around the three sites. Shops and premises in the High Street would also be renovated under the plans being considered by Dudley Council.

Ward councillor Rachel Harris said: "It's early days but I am really pleased that the council is not just looking at Dudley town centre but also Brierley Hill now."

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IN MY VIEW
with Mark Andrews

Does Brum really rank as hotspot to tourists?

WELL fancy that, I never knew I was so well travelled. But according to top travel publication the Rough Guide, I have seen 20 per cent of the world's greatest places to visit. The popular travel guide has published its list of the 10 greatest cities in the world, and I've been to two of them. And I suspect that everybody reading this will have been to at least one.

Now, I must confess I have never been to Johannesburg. Or Wellington in New Zealand, although it looks jolly nice in the pictures. Salta in Argentina? Sorry, nope. But hey, I've been to Malaga, and with its charming marble streets, pleasant climate, and superb art galleries, I would have no qualms about recommending it.

And then we come to the only British entry on the list – Birmingham.

Now I'm not one of those sneering Brummie bashers, who take great pleasure in running down Britain's second city at every possible opportunity. I don't think it is any better or any worse than most major cities, and there are some decent shops and restaurants. But does it really warrant a place, ahead of Winchester, Salisbury, or even Worcester? Don't Oxford, Truro or York deserve a mention?

I only go there a handful of times a year, and I only live a 20-minute train ride away. So why would an international tourist want to visit Brummagem?

Well according to the Rough Guide, food stalls and vintage shops are springing up all over Digbeth, and "with New Street station reopening in 2015 after a much-needed renovation, now is the time to visit Birmingham."

So there we have it. Takeaways, second-hand shops and a new railway station. Forgive me, but I still think I prefer Florence.

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FIFA chief Sepp Blatter always used to go on about the worldwide "football family." It's just a shame he never told us that the family was The Sopranos.

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MIND you, I would have far more confidence in the US-based investigation into alleged corruption at Fifa if the FBI man who keeps appearing on television knew the name of the sport he was probing. It's football, okay? Nobody has called it soccer since about 1978.

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A COUNCILLOR in Brierley Hill has said "Now that the regeneration of Dudley town centre is nearing an end, the council is turning its attention to other town centres."

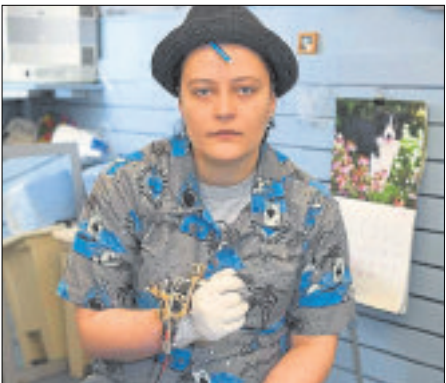
As far as I can see, the roof of the market has changed colour, and a bit of the obligatory block paving. But nothing significant in the way of new shops. Remember shops, those places you used to go to buy stuff? Some people's definition of regeneration is clearly different to mine.



Wolves fans celebrate at a Molineux game in 2012



The Queen and Del Boy at Wolverhampton races



Stacie Coisne at the Tattoo Palace, Chapel Ash

Black Country life in the picture at gallery

Images of the area are in the spotlight at an exhibition in Wolverhampton. **KIMBERLEY CRAYTON-BROWN** reports

CHEERING on Wolves, enjoying a day at the races, or lining up to see the legendary Robert Plant – people from the Black Country could find their faces among hundreds in an exhibition celebrating the region.

Over the course of four years Magnum photographer Martin Parr travelled throughout Wolverhampton, Walsall, Dudley and Sandwell, camera in hand documenting the everyday lives of people throughout the area.

Images of football fans at Molineux, ravers at the Wolverhampton Civic Hall and shop and factory workers are on display alongside wedding guests and racegoers. They are all part of the Black Country Stories exhibition, which opened at the city's art gallery last Saturday.

Pigeon

An entire wall at Wolverhampton Art Gallery is covered with hundreds of images taken by the award-winning photographer, and gallery staff are encouraging people to come along and see if they make an appearance.

The image wall will form part of the exhibition alongside larger prints of Parr's work especially selected from the Black Country Stories archive, as well as 400 snapshots, oral histories and four documentary films made by Parr.

The films feature Willenhall pensioners on a Turkey and Tinsel coach trip to Weston-super-Mare, glassmakers in Stourbridge, a Moxley pigeon breeder who goes to Mongolia, and Teddy Gray's famous sweet factory.

Parr said: "I am looking forward to presenting back, to both Wolverhampton and the wider Black Country, the fruits of my four-year journey around this unique area. Despite



Staff putting together the wall of photos at Wolverhampton Art Gallery

the poor local economy, the spirit and determination of the community comes shining through."

At the beginning of the project, commissioned in 2010 by West Bromwich-based community arts charity Multistory, Parr said he felt he knew Britain quite well, but the Black Country was a blind spot.

In a blog detailing the project, he says: "I have either visited or photographed in most major cities, from Plymouth to Wick in the far north of Scotland. I do have my blind spots and one was the Black Country, despite driving past this on the M6 on my journeys north on many occasions. So when Emma Chetcuti from Multistory contacted me to ask if I might be interested in doing a photographic commission, in the borough of Sandwell, I could not say yes fast enough.

"With its famous industrial past, there was

going to be an inevitable sense of decline in the area, but what I had not counted on was the revitalisation that the many immigrant groups had brought to the area. There are active communities from many parts of the world: India, Pakistan of course, and the inevitable recent influx of Poles but also Somalis, West Indians and many others.

"It is this vital mix that we decided to focus on and, at the same time, looking for examples of traditional Black Country life that were in good health. As the lid was slowly eased open, we realised the power of the material that we were unearthing.

"This is a celebration of your community."

The 62-year-old, who was born in Surrey and now lives in Bristol, said his budding interest in photography when he was a teenager was encouraged by his grandfather, also a keen amateur photographer. Starting the

Black Country Stories project in Sandwell in 2010, Parr spent time at West Bromwich market, the town's St George's Day parade, and snapped Albion fans on a match day.

Staff at Mad O'Rourke's Pie factory in Tipton and its legendary "Desperate Dan" cow pie also featured, along with youngsters pictured playing street games at the Black Country Living Museum, and a series of pictures at the Guru Nanak Gurdwara in Smethwick during the annual Vaisakhi festival.

During 2011 and 2012 he visited Wolverhampton, capturing pictures inside and outside Molineux of the rollercoaster of emotions expressed by fanatical football fans.

Colourful diamond jubilee celebrations to mark the 60th anniversary of the accession of Queen Elizabeth II in 2012 showed churches, cricket clubs and neighbours all join together in celebrations, while nightlife was captured at the Slade Rooms and the Quest reunion at the Civic Hall. Other images featured staff at Marstons Brewery, youngsters at Royal Wolverhampton School, in Penn Road, and shoppers inside Wulfrun Shopping Centre.

Acclaimed

Dudley had its turn in 2013, including moments at Bathams Brewery in Brierley Hill, Dudley Zoo, families enjoying Netherton Park fun day and the sea cadets.

Marguerite Nugent, Wolverhampton Art Gallery's senior curator, said: "Martin Parr is an internationally acclaimed documentary photographer so to have his work here and for that work to be about local people is a real coup.

"We hope people, who might not always visit, will come into the gallery to have a look to see if an image of themselves or anyone they know is in the exhibition. It really is a fascinating glimpse of Wolverhampton and the surrounding Black Country."

Black Country Stories is supported by the Heritage Lottery Fund, Wolverhampton Art Gallery, The New Art Gallery Walsall, Sandwell Council and Arts Council England, and is on display at the Lichfield Street gallery until August 22.

For more information go to www.wolverhamptonart.org.uk/visit/wolves/

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They have meant the loss of much needed income for the town's hard pressed traders, had a negative impact on community cohesion, and had an emotional impact upon many different people in our diverse community.

We urge people not to come and demonstrate, disrupting the town, tarnishing its image and dividing its

communities again. The on-going issue between the Dudley Muslim Association and the Dudley Metropolitan Borough Council about the location of the new mosque is undoubtedly a contributory factor to the far-right's continued interest in our town. We believe it is now time to renew efforts at finding a speedy and amicable solution to this issue and would encourage all parties to find a positive way forward in a spirit of reconciliation.

We are keen that a positive outcome is achieved for all. In this way Dudley can continue to live out its motto of

'unity and progress', holding all of the richness of being a diverse community with values of respect, harmony and mutual flourishing.

Graham Usher, Bishop of Dudley; Ian Austin, MP Dudley North; Andy Gray, Chief Officer, Dudley Council for Voluntary Service; Len Lenihan, Chairman, Dudley Market Traders Association; Kenneth Rodney, Chief Officer, Centre for Equality and Diversity; Melvin Sinar, MD Petford Tools Ltd; Andrew Wickens, Chair, Dudley Borough Interfaith Network; Lowell Williams, Principal, Dudley College; Mike Wood, MP Dudley South

Albion boss should set sights high

I FEEL I have to agree with J Brodie when he/she speaks of Albion coach Tony Pulis as showing a 'distinct lack of class' in wanting to sign Bakary Sako, as I'm sure he could look for a better player with Premier League experience.

I would be surprised if Bakary would wish to go to 'Sandwell Borough', as the Hawthorns has been referred to. It was stated that Wolverhampton had a better stadium, better players and better supporters.

J Brodie tips us off that they, 'The Wolves', have a fine goalkeeper in Carl Ikeme, and a future England defender in Danny Bath, which begs me to ask the question 'why did the Wolves not even make the play-offs?' If and when they do make it to the Premiership, perhaps they could sign Peter Odemwingie, and then they may give us a five-goal thrashing.

T MORGAN
Coseley

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Why don't we care about our churches?

HOW sad it is that I read in your paper that yet another church is to be demolished, the second around Cradley Heath in recent years.

How sad that whilst we are building massive mosques like the one in Windmill Lane, Smethwick churches which represent our history going back hundreds of years are demolished.

There has been a huge fuss over the future of Dudley Hippodrome, which has nowhere near the history or the age of St Luke's, but where were the protesters? Where was the National Lottery? It seems they always prefer to spend their huge funds on some weird scheme rather than save our national heritage. The amount this church needed for repairs would be small to them.

Every day I see stories about people fighting to save local pubs or schools. If a church that goes back over 150 years is not national heritage, what is? Countries like Greece, France, Cyprus and Bulgaria look on their churches as national heritage and take care of them for the nation.

We need to take a serious look at what we are losing. This is our history — once it's gone it's gone forever.

H CAMWELL
Oldbury

Impatient pensioners are so rude

IN response to M Hislop and the unnamed correspondent moaning about bus drivers not letting pensioners board before 9:30am.

Everybody knows that the start time for passes is 9:30am, not 9:19am, not 9:25am, but 9:30am.

Pensioners seem to think they travel for free, they don't. The bus companies get paid to carry them and if they are let on before they can scan their pass, the bus company won't get paid.

Is it too much to ask that pensioners — who have more time to spend — wait until the correct time?

Or do they really think they should be able to flaunt the rules and do as they please?

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Glitzy night as beauty pageant pair sparkle

IT was a night of glitz and glamour – and dresses made of old book pages – as the search for Miss and Mr Black Country came to an end.

Wombourne's Jade Secker was announced as the new Miss Black Country, taking over from Shelley-Marie Sumner, of Walsall.

And while there was no actual crown for the new Mr Black Country, but a white silk sash instead, West Bromwich's James Machin was 'over the moon' with his win.

For the contestants, the final at Dudley's Castle Village Hotel was the end of months of hard work in their quest to claim the crown. The final stop of the journey for most, it is just the beginning for the winners who now go on to the national final in August in the hope of becoming Miss or Mr England.

From initial applications and interviews, through to fundraising for pageant charity 'Beauty with a Purpose' and boot camps, preparation for the Black Country final, run by the West Midlands branch of Miss England, involved far more than make-up and evening gowns.

Miss Secker, who works as a fund-raising officer at The Haven Wolverhampton, said of all of the tasks leading up to the final the sport round was her toughest challenge. Including a Zumba class and a fitness boot camp, the 23-year-old said it had been a lot more difficult than she expected: "I thought I was quite fit but that was eye-opening."

Creating a recycled outfit to model on the catwalk in the eco round had been more her speed, with her design made up of old book pages and CDs inspired by a Valentine's Day window display. Miss Secker put her name down for the pageant after speaking



Jade Secker, wearing her eco dress



Pageant winners – Jade and James



Mark Rhodes with James Machin



More contestants in their eco wear

to organisers at a show, and said: "It is just one of those things I thought I would enter but didn't really think it would amount to anything."

The new Mr Black Country is also excited for the year ahead: "Hopefully by the end of the year I will have served well for the Black Country."

On this year's judging panel was Darlaston's own TV star Mark Rhodes. He was joined by previous Miss Black Country winner Shelley-Marie Sumner, Miss Wales 1995 and Miss UK 1996 Rachael Butler, Miss England 2013 Kirsty Heslewood, and Hybrid Makeup's Leah Heaven.

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Osborne hands power to people



DANIEL WAINWRIGHT
Political Editor

GEORGE Osborne will not force the West Midlands to have an elected mayor – but he left council leaders in no doubt it is what he wants them to do.

Control over billions of pounds worth of budgets for everything from transport to health is being offered to cities and surrounding areas under a radical programme of devolution.

And the Tory Chancellor wants the West Midlands to become an 'engine for growth'.

It is his new buzz phrase and appears to have replaced 'long term economic plan' which he heard in the answer to every single question in the run up to the General Election.

Democracy

Accompanied by Tory grandee Lord Heseltine, who has been working on ways to spread growth to the English regions, Mr Osborne met with the leaders of the seven councils of the West Midlands at Birmingham Science Park.

They have been trying since last year to settle on a deal to create a West Midlands Combined Authority – something where they can work together on transport, skills, regeneration and health – and recently took a big step forward when Coventry's controlling Labour group voted to sign up while Solihull's leader has indicated his support too.

The Chancellor said he was not expecting the authority to be created 'overnight'. And after what has become a trademark element of a visit by



Trademark hard hat for visit to Icentrum building in Birmingham

Mr Osborne – a hard hat tour a hi-vis vest – he said that he believed a mayor was the best solution, even though he accepted others may disagree.

"Other major Western countries have found the best way of doing that has been an elected mayor," he said.

"That's what London chose to have and Greater Manchester is choosing to have. If you want the full model you need some accountability and democracy."

"The mayor model works best but if local people don't want to go there they don't have to. "The more powers we devolve the more there has to be some accountability. This is the people's money and the people should have the final say."

In a speech this week he said: "But let us take these first steps. At the election last month the people of the Midlands made a decisive choice. You chose a government that will back business large and small. You chose a government that will boost skills, you chose a government that backs

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The Chancellor said the UK had 'one of the most centralised systems of political power of any major country in the world'.

He said: "And I think that model of trying to run everything in our country from the centre of London is broken. It's made people feel remote from the decisions that affect their lives."

"And one of the things I want to see over the course of this parliament, over the next five years is a radical shift of power away from Whitehall and back into the hands of local people."

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Still enjoying those Good Vibrations

**Beach Boys,
Barclaycard Arena**

THE sun may not be shining too much at the moment but I still managed to catch that summer feeling on a night out in Birmingham, which ended on a surprise note.

Heading to the Barclaycard Arena in the landlocked Midlands I turned the clock back and enjoyed views of the waves on a huge screen while listening to some of those great surfing songs.

Yes you guessed it, all the old classics from the Beach Boys. The audience may have had an average of around 55 but they still knew how to party.

All the favourites were there Good Vibrations, California Dreaming, Surfing USA, Wouldn't It Be Nice, Help Me Ronda, to name but a few.

Yes it may be just the two originals the gravelly-voiced Mike Love and keyboard player and singer Bruce John-

son but the voices harmonised well thanks to the rest of the band who could ALL sing. And they paid tribute to the late Carl Wilson as he appeared on a large screen behind them singing God Only Knows

The surprise note? That came with the encore when the special guest was our very own Roy Wood who came on to sing Fire Brigade. What a way to set the night alight.

Sue Attwater

**Ferry still
firing after
45 years**

**Bryan Ferry
Symphony Hall,
Birmingham**

YOU have to hand it to Bryan Ferry after 45 years of performing he is probably more elegant on stage now than he has ever been.

However, as he approaches 70 he is showing signs of slowing down. He didn't stray far from his mic stand throughout the show, except to play the keyboard.

His current stage show, touring on the back of his new album Avonmore, is what you expect from the Lord of Lounge Lizards, populated by class musicians and sophisticated elegant women who are able to sashay across the stage while playing their respective instruments.

Ferry have never had the strongest of voices, his tones are subtle and liquid and at times during the early part of the concert at least he was drowned out by a thumping bass line.

He did however, give a good range of his work from the classics of his Roxy Music days right up to his latest album.

Danny Farragher

REVIEWS



Arena packed for Paul McCartney concert

Superstar marathon left all fans amazed

**Paul McCartney,
Barclaycard Arena**

HOW many artists can have four hours of their songs played and virtually everyone in the audience knows every word?

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There was something for

Beatles fans, Eight Days A Week, Back In the USSR and I Saw Her Standing There, Wings fans got High, High, High, Maybe I'm Amazed, which McCartney dedicated to his late wife Linda.

McCartney's voice was on good form. He continually showed his musical virtuosity, playing bass, lead guitar, ukulele and piano and never showed any sign of tiring.

Catch him when you can as he is a true superstar who retains a down-to-earth approach and has a great rapport with fans.

Sue Attwater

**It's still a
good year
for Costello**

**Elvis Costello
Symphony Hall**

IT must be at least seven years since I last saw Elvis Costello at the same venue, the impressive Symphony Hall in Birmingham

Had his slightly quirky voice changed in all that time? Not a bit of it.

An army of fans turned out to listen to all those favourites Oliver's Army, Good Year for the Roses, which he sang with his brother Ronan MacManus, Watching the Detectives, Girls Talk, and more.

With his trademark hat and blue suit the singer songwriter, who enjoyed chart success in the 70s with The Attractions, took us through his musical journey, speaking at length about his dad who was a well-known musician.

He also poured scorn on 'talent' programmes like X factor and the miming on Top of the Pops.

Seven years on and I still find him quite addictive. The show is called Detour and it would be worth making that detour to catch him on his UK tour.

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Les is more, as karate club marks 30th



Standing, from left, instructors Steve Knight, Les Knight, a black belt for 35 years and Gary Ray, at the club

HE started out as a karate kid and now Les Knight is celebrating the 30th anniversary of the martial arts club he founded in the Black Country.

Les was just 11 when he was awarded a black belt back in 1980 – making him one of the youngest in the country to achieve the feat at the time.

Having taken up the sport since the age of five, he has dedicated most of his life to the sport. And when he was just 17 he opened his own club – teaching karate to people of all ages – from five to 50.

Now Tividale Shotokan Karate Club is celebrating its 30th anniversary and is, quite literally, going from strength to strength. Les, who lives in Tipton, is chief instructor at the club, which he formed in 1985.

“I actually started out when I was just five,” said 47-year-old Les, who works at Vogue UK in Willenhall. My



Les, left, in 1980, with Mason brothers

dad worked with my first instructor and he told me to go along to one of his sessions and I was instantly hooked. I went along to Tipton Shotokan which used to be held at St Mark’s Church Hall in Ocker Hill and got my hands on my black belt six years later.”

He was so keen on karate that at the first opportunity he set up his own

club. His brother Steve, 33, of Tipton and friend Gary Ray, 43, of Cradley Heath, have also been involved with the club since a young age.

To celebrate the anniversary Les was joined by members of the Tividale club to recreate a photo of himself, which featured in the Express & Star in 1980 celebrating his black belt achievement.

“It was great to recreate that photo. Sadly I have not seen the Manson brothers, who feature in the original picture, for 20 years.”

The club teaches around 80 students each week and Les admits to being thrilled when members achieve the black belt.

The club runs Monday and Wednesday evenings between 6pm and 7.30pm with extra training sessions on Saturdays when advertised at Holy Cross Church, Ashleigh Road, Tividale.



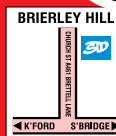
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The public consultation is due to close on July 9.

It's the simplest life with a log at the zoo



Three of the zoo's meerkats get stuck into insect dinner

DIGGING for grubs may not sound like a pleasant hobby to us, but meerkats at Dudley Zoo are loving it. The intriguing creatures have been busy since keepers added old logs full of tasty creepy crawlies to their den.

Senior keeper Jodie Dryden brought in the rotten logs to keep the meerkat group entertained.

She said: "The logs were covered in moss and harboured lots of grubs so the meerkats had a marvellous time searching for treats. It was also an activity which allowed them to display their natural feeding behaviour and it was wonderful to watch."

The meerkat is a member of the mongoose family native to southern Africa.

Meerkats live in large social groups of around 20 individuals – it can be 50-plus – and are known collectively as a mob, gang or clan. They live within a large underground network of burrows which they leave only during the day.

In addition to insects, meerkats will eat lizards, snakes, spiders and scorpions, and in their natural habitat they have developed an immunity to powerful scorpion venom.

First new secondary school for a decade

A FORMER high school is to be demolished, with the first new secondary school in Sandwell borough for a decade to be built in its place.

The bulldozers will move in on the former Langley High School in Moat Road, Oldbury, after being given the go-ahead by council chiefs.

The demolition of the building marks the next stage in the process to build a new secondary school on the site.

Work will quickly begin on the new school once the site is cleared.

Sandwell Council welcomed the development as 'great news for the children of Sandwell' when it was announced earlier this year.

The borough had been in desperate need of a new secondary school with others stretched to the limit by a baby boom in recent years.

Big drop in number of PCSOs on the beat over last five years

THE number of Police Community Support Officers (PCSOs) in the West Midlands and Staffordshire fell by 15 per cent in the last five years.

There were 160 fewer of the officers in both forces at the end of last year than in 2010. Some 135 of these were in the West Midlands and 25 in Staffordshire.

The Union says more needs to be done to protect police forces from Government cuts but bosses insist they are ensuring there are still enough officers.

West Midlands chiefs are in the middle of taking on 450 constables while Staffordshire Police is recruiting 31 PCSOs in the coming months.

Across the country, there has been a 27 per cent reduction in the number of PCSOs, with 4,430 jobs cut since 2010.

Communities

Critics say PCSOs make up the majority of neighbourhood police teams so the drop in numbers will have an effect on communities. It comes as the West Midlands force faces 2,500 job losses and £120 million of cuts in the next four years.

Union general secretary Dave

Prentis said: "People feel safer when there is a visible and reassuring police presence on the beat. But four years of savage cuts to PCSOs mean that one-in-four police patrols have been withdrawn from our neighbourhoods since 2010."

West Midlands police and crime commissioner David Jamieson said: "Union are absolutely correct that because of unfair Government cuts the number of PCSOs is falling."

"In the West Midlands we have faced the largest policing cuts in the country, which have been disproportionately higher than lower-crime rural areas."



David Jamieson

Business is hit by blaze at club

THOUSANDS of pounds of damage have been caused to a bedroom and kitchen showroom in Dudley after a major fire destroyed a neighbouring snooker club.

Businessman Mark Price has spoken of his shock after the blaze at Dudley Snooker Club wrecked his showroom and office.

Arsonists have been blamed for the blaze at the club in Stafford Street, in the early hours of Sunday, May 24.

Mr Price has been counting the costs of the damage at his business called Price-2Beat, which moved into the showroom around two years ago.

The 46-year-old father-of-two said: "It has caused a fair bit of damage. It was a shock."

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They stored everything in their front room and used his Jeep to transport people and goods around the area. By 1966, demand had risen so sharply that they registered Community Transport as a charity, making it the first known use of the term community transport in the UK.

Community Transport operates in three regions – the West Midlands, North West and North East.

Its services include providing low cost minibus hire to voluntary and community groups, schools and not-for-profit organisations.

Based at Sandwell, Liz Sutton runs the minibus service which has had a successful year. Its dial-a-ride service in South Staffordshire is continually growing and they have also purchased a new 2014 minibus which is the first of two to continue with the growth of passenger transport,



A new 2014 minibus has been purchased by Community Transport

ensuring comfortable travel for all they support.

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Return of the Mac in classic line-up



John McVie and Stevie Nicks of Fleetwood Mac — expect to hear Dreams, Rhiannon, Songbird and Don't Stop

THE return of Fleetwood Mac will be especially relished by fans in Birmingham as it marks the reunion of the classic Mac line-up with Birmingham-raised Christine McVie back in the band after a 16-year break.

McVie, who sang on Mac favourites Little Lies and You Make Loving Fun, grew up in Bearwood when her father was a music professor and concert violinist who played with the City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra.

Before her marriage to Fleetwood Mac bassist John McVie, former Birmingham art student Christine Perfect joined Black Country blues band Chicken Shack and sang on their 1969 hit I'd Rather Go Blind.

The McVies will be joined on stage at the Genting Arena on Monday and Tuesday by founder member drummer Mick Fleetwood and the band's American contingent Stevie Nicks and Lindsey Buckingham.

Expect such classic songs as Dreams, Rhiannon and Don't Stop, and the Mac will return for a third gig at NEC venue on July 4. For tickets call 0844 338 8000.

Also coming up is the return Shaun Ryder and Bez, reunited with rapper Kermit, as Black Grape mark the 20th anniversary of debut album It's Great When You're Straight... Yeah at Bilston's Robin 2 on Wednesday, June 10. Call 01902 401211.



Fans raise up John's album

SINGER, showman and actor John Barrowman is back on stage at the Symphony Hall, Birmingham, on Saturday as part of his You Raise Me Up Tour.

Promoting his latest album, the tour brings the American-raised Glaswegian back to his first love as a song and dance man.

Since fighting the Daleks as Captain Jack Harkness in Doctor Who and other alien nasties in it's spin-off show Torchwood, the entertainer also became a family favourite making wishes come true on Tonight's The Night.

Currently he is playing the villain Malcolm Merlyn in hit US superhero show Arrow, which is aired in the UK by Sky.

He is also a DJ with his own Sunday evening show on Magic FM and is a fantasy author having penned three books with his sister Carole E Barrowman, the Hollow Earth series for young adults.

Former Birmingham Hippodrome panto star John said: "I'm so excited to be touring again that I'm choreographing songs and arranging stories in my sleep!"

John's fans funded the album through PledgeMusic's Direct to Fan platform and features new arrangements of his favourite songs, including Mandy, Bridge Over Troubled Water and the title track.

"This album has been a thrilling personal journey for me," added John. "Each lyric, each melody means something special. I can't wait to perform them live for all my fans."

For tickets see www.thsh.co.uk or call 0121 345 0600.

Clary will top bill at Brum's pantomime

COMEDIAN Julian Clary, singer Marti Pellow and West End star Lee Mead will take to the stage in Birmingham Hippodrome's pantomime Aladdin this winter.

The family favourite runs at the venue from December 19 until January 31, 2016. Clary, playing the Spirit of the Ring, has established himself as one of the country's most popular panto performers and played Dandini in Cinderella at the Wolverhampton Grand Theatre last winter.

Wet Wet Wet frontman Pellow will star as the evil sorcerer Abanazar. In the main role of Aladdin is musical theatre star Mead, who won BBC TV talent show Any Dream Will Do.

Drama, dance, music and comedy

THE Boy In The Striped Pyjamas is at Wolverhampton Grand Tuesday to Saturday. Based on John Boyne's popular novel for young readers about the friendship between the nine-year-old son of a concentration camp commandant and a young Polish Jewish prisoner, it was made into a hit movie.

Also at the Grand, Russell Watson sings tonight, The Bee Gees story is told in Nights On Broadway tomorrow, Spanish dancers of Jaleo Flamenco perform on Saturday, zany Cirque Du Hilarious entertain families on Sunday at 2 and 6pm; and the Hilarity Charity Gala with Greg Davies is on Monday.

Red Lemons band get back together

ONE of the Black Country's favourite bands in the 1980s are planning a reunion concert in their home town of Stourbridge.

Just like inspirations The Blues Brothers, The Red Lemon Electric Blues band are getting the band back together — for a special gig at Stourbridge Town Hall on September 11. In their heyday, the soul outfit fronted by Big Jim Merris sold out such venues as JB's and Junction 10 and supported Chuck Berry, Robert Plant and Motown's Edwin Starr. They briefly featured Adrian Chiles on bass and on tambourine a young Suzi Perry, the TV presenter's father Tony managed the group.

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Service with a smile but some Lyttel problems with the food

GOING to the pub for lunch is so much more than a crusty ham cob, a packet of crisps and a pickled onion these days.

It's an adventure and a chance to sample fine foods from foreign lands to transport you from good old Blighty to more exciting, sunnier climes.

Pubs are desperately trying to be different in order to survive and food is where the big bucks come from these days.

Artisan rustic breads, Mediterranean mezze, Nocellara olives all sound so interesting and intriguing that it really makes you want to experiment and try something new.

It's funny but no matter how many dishes can appear on a menu, when I'm dining out with my other half and parents I can pretty much predict who will have what.

By Lisa Williams

So for our culinary experience we decided on one of our favourite destinations – The Lyttelton Arms, Bromsgrove Road, Stourbridge. It has a track record that's pretty good going as busy restaurants go.

It was a return visit as two years had passed since we last sampled its delights.

Inside it looks the same. It's cosy yet contemporary with rural-themed canvases adorning the walls; woodpigeons, and country gents ready to hunt.

The menu style though has changed a little. It's become more eclectic trying to appeal to too many different tastes. For want of a better word 'trendy'. It was bustling with most of the tables occupied on a spring-like Saturday lunchtime.

When my mum had booked she'd requested the softer seating area (it's a pen-

sioner thing, my other half and I weren't so bothered) and normally they comply but on this occasion we were shown to a chunky wooden table with bum-numbing chairs but cushions were dispensed.

The service was impeccable. Not invasive but professional, swift and cheerful. We mulled over the menu with our first round of drinks and the waiter stopped by with a dish of nibbly bits. These were some dried broad beans sprinkled in paprika.

Dunked

Our starters arrived in just the right amount of time. Mum loved her rustic breads, big hunks of wholemeal loaf dunked in oil mixed with seed sprinkle.

Dad's soup on the other hand didn't have quite the same effect. He had gone for one of his favourites the leek and potato. But he found it watery and bland. Our Camembert

sharer was delicious. For the mains as I predicted the men went for burgers, mum cod and chips and me?

Well I went the far-out way of battered halloumi.

The burgers were on sturdy wooden boards with buckets of thin fries. The men loved them. The cod and halloumi both came resting on a row of chip slats but the ratio of different food stuffs for each dish was way off.

A massive piece of fish on seven (yep, we counted) twice-cooked thick cut chips with a tablespoon of pea purée and pretty much an entire lemon.

Dinner done. We ventured to the dessert menu and all were delicious.

The bill came in at just shy of £125 for the four of us, probably a little more than we felt the food was actually worth.

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John Bishop
The John Bishop Show (BBC1, 9.45pm)
The first edition of the Liverpool comedian's series went down a storm, so we have every reason to believe that this one will also be a winner. Once again, Bishop is at the Hackney Empire in central London, and he's promising viewers an evening of top-class entertainment. Topping the bill are comedians Chris Ramsey, Zoe Lyons, Funnib Omotayo and New Zealander Sam Wills, who is better known as The Boy with Tape on His Face, while musical interludes are provided by Jessie Ware and Striking Matches. Bishop shows off his own fancy footwork while attempting an Irish dance routine with the cast of Riverdance, which has to be seen to be believed – just don't give up the day job, John.

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. **10.00** Saturday Kitchen Live. **11.30** The Box. (R) **12.00** BBC News: Weather. **12.10** Football Focus. **12.50** Athletics. **2.00** The Olympic Journey: Born Winners. Gabby Logan investigates whether a person's DNA decides if they will be a winner. (R) **2.30** Bargain Hunt. (R) **3.30** Homes Under the Hammer. (R) **4.30** Escape to the Country. (R) **5.00** Live Formula 1: The Canadian Grand Prix – Qualifying. Action from the battle for pole position (Start-time 6.00pm).
7.15 BBC News.
7.25 Regional Programme.
7.35 Now You See It. The best and worst of the magic world, featuring a tortoise performing the classic cup and ball trick and a magician who disappears into a photocopy. Narrated by Mel Giedroyc.
8.05 The National Lottery: Who Dares Wins. Nick Knowles hosts the game show in which two pairs of complete strangers team up, each battling to outdo the other by listing as much as they know about a given subject. The first couple to win two rounds get to play for £50,000 and each time champions defeat a new set of opponents their winnings mount up. Includes the Lotto and Thunderball draws.
8.55 Casualty. A patient's family crisis jeopardises Cal and Ethan's plan to attend a clinical trial in Finland and Dylan is crestfallen when Connie takes back the role of clinical lead.
9.45 The John Bishop Show. An evening of entertainment at the Hackney Empire theatre in London, including performances by Jessie Ware, Striking Matches, Chris Ramsey and Funnib Omotayo.
10.30 BBC News: Weather; National Lottery Update.
10.50 Not Going Out. Lucy has her handbag stolen by a gang of muggers right under Lee's nose, so he sets out to prove he is not a total wimp. Sitcom, starring Lee Mack and Sally Bretton. (R)
11.20 Film: Tropic Thunder. (2008) The cast of a Vietnam War movie unknowingly wanders into the middle of a real-life conflict. Comedy, directed by and starring Ben Stiller, with Jack Black.
12.55 Weather for the Week Ahead. **1.00** BBC News.

BBC2

6.00 Animal Park. (R) **7.00** Film: A Tale of Two Cities. (1958) **8.55** Film: Firecreek. (1968) **10.35** James Stewart: Talking Pictures. (R) **11.25** Film: The Man Who Knew Too Much. (1956) **1.20** Formula 1: The Canadian Grand Prix – Second Practice. (R) **2.55** Live Formula 1: The Canadian Grand Prix – Third Practice. Further action from the Circuit Gilles Villeneuve in Montreal. **4.00** F1 Rewind: Senna. **5.00** Antiques Road Trip. (R)
6.00 Gardeners' World. Carol Klein observes a series of aurochs preparing to open to the public as part of the National Gardens Scheme, while a beekeeper arrives with a swarm for Monty Don's new hive. (R)
6.30 Flog It! Thomas Plant and Michael Baggett value items in Cirencester, Gloucestershire, including a 200-year-old teapot and costume jewellery encrusted with real diamonds. Paul Martin visits a 400-year-old house where even the cobwebs are being preserved for future generations. (R)
7.30 Edwardian Farm. It is October and Alex Langlands, Peter Ginn and Ruth Goodman take on new enterprises – market gardening, egg production, raising beef cattle and food preservation – using only Edwardian tools and materials. The team members also create cider on an industrial scale, bring a bull to the farm, launch a chicken business and celebrate Halloween – early 20th-century style. (R)
8.30 Dad's Army. A major decides Corporal Jones is too old to be in the Home Guard, asking him to prove his worth by completing an assault course. (R)
9.00 Pinewood: 80 Years of Movie Magic. Jonathan Ross gains unprecedented access to the iconic British film studio, meeting Joan Collins and Barbara Windsor to discuss their experiences on set. The site in Buckinghamshire was transformed into a studio during the 1930s and became home to the James Bond, Harry Potter, Superman and Carry On film series, and Ross goes behind the scenes to tackle some daring and spectacular stunts of his own.
10.30 Film: My Week with Marilyn. (2011) Fact-based drama, with Michelle Williams.
12.05 The Many Faces of Sid James. (R)
1.05 Film: Quatermass 2. (1957) **2.25** This Is BBC Two.

ITV

6.00 CITY: Fort Boyard Ultimate Challenge. **6.25** Pat & Stan. (R) **6.35** Dino Dan: Trek's Adventures. (R) **6.45** Dino Dan: Trek's Adventures. (R) **7.00** Canimals. (R) **7.15** Sooty. (R) **7.30** Super 4. (R) **7.45** News & Monsters. (R) **8.00** Thunderbirds Are Go. **8.25** ITV News. **8.30** Weekend. **9.25** The Jeremy Kyle Show. (R) **10.25** The Jeremy Kyle Show. (R) **11.30** All Star Family Fortunes. (R) **12.15** ITV News: Weather. **12.25** Doc Martin. (R) **1.30** Live French Open Tennis. The women's singles final from Roland Garros. **5.30** Off their Rockers. (R)
6.00 Regional Programme; Weather.
6.10 ITV News: Weather.
6.25 You've Been Framed! Harry Hill narrates a comical selection of mishaps filmed by viewers, including a birthday girl whose hair catches fire. (R)
7.00 Live UEFA Champions League. Juventus v Barcelona (Kick-off 7.45pm). Coverage of the showpiece game from the Olympiastadion in Berlin, where two giants of Italian and Spanish football battle it out. Juve are appearing in their first European Cup final for 12 years – on that occasion they were defeated by rivals AC Milan on penalties at Old Trafford – while Barca last appeared at this stage in 2011, when they overcame Manchester United at Wembley to lift the trophy for the fourth time. Should the Catalan club have triumphed over Athletic Bilbao in the Copa del Rey final prior to this contest, then victory here for either club will see them record an historic treble, having both won their domestic league and Juve claimed the Coppa Italia with victory over Lazio. Presented by Mark Pougatch, with commentary by Clive Tyldesley and Andy Townsend. Subsequent programmes are subject to change.
10.20 ITV News: Weather.
10.35 Play to the Whistle – Extra Time. Holly Willoughby presents a compilation of clips from the sports-based comedy panel show, in which two teams go head to head in quizzes and physical games. Last in the series.
11.15 UEFA Champions League: Extra Time. Juventus v Barcelona.
12.00 The Chase. (R) **12.55** Jackpot247. **3.00** The Jeremy Kyle Show USA. (R)

CHANNEL 4

6.15 How I Met Your Mother. (R) **6.40** How I Met Your Mother. (R) **7.05** Snowdonia Slatemant Triathlon. **7.30** The Grid. **8.00** Derby Day Morning Line. **9.30** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **10.00** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **10.30** Frasier. (R) **11.00** Frasier. (R) **11.30** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **12.00** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **12.25** The Simpsons. (R) **12.55** The Simpsons. (R) **1.25** The Derby: Channel 4 Racing from Epsom. Including the 4.30 Investec Derby (1m 4f). **5.00** Channel 4 News. **5.20** Couples Come Dine with Me. (R)
6.05 Benchmark. Game show in which contestants decide how 10 people answered a series of tricky numerical questions. Hosted by Paddy McGuinness. (R)
7.00 Celebrity Fifteen to One. Jason Manford, Germaine Greer and Jimmy Carr are among the 15 well-known faces competing to win a large cash prize for charity, nominating each other to answer questions until only the winner is left standing. Notoriously tough general knowledge quiz, hosted by Adam Hills. (R)
8.00 The Restoration Man. Alison and Matthew Grey, two designers from London with young children, are looking for a new place to live within commuting distance of the city. The couple plan to turn a pumping station into a design haven, but with costs mounting, there's a danger they will have to refinance to finish the build. Architect George Clarke follows their progress. (R)
9.00 Film: Anna Karenina. (2012) Premiere. The wife of a government official travels to Moscow to save her brother's marriage. Her journey leads to an encounter with a married cavalry officer, with whom she is instantly smitten, and when he follows her home, a passionate affair develops that scandalises the town and drives her husband to desperate ends. Period drama based on Leo Tolstoy's novel, starring Keira Knightley.
11.35 Film: The Brave One. (2007) A radio talk-show host descends into a spiral of violence after taking the law into her own hands to avenge her fiancé's murder. Thriller, starring Jodie Foster.
1.50 Marvel's Agents of S.H.I.E.L.D. (R) **2.40** Alan Carr: Chatty Man. (R) **3.40** Hollyoaks. (R)

CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshake! **10.00** Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles. **10.35** Access. **10.40** Cowboy Builders & Bodge Jobs. (R) **11.40** Cowboy Builders & Bodge Jobs. (R) **12.40** Cowboy Builders & Bodge Jobs. (R) **1.40** Film: Columbo: Old Fashioned Murder. (1976) Crime drama, starring Peter Falk. **3.10** Inside Manchester's Midland Hotel. (R) **4.10** GPs: Behind Closed Doors. (R) **5.10** The Dog Rescuers with Alan Davies. (R)
6.10 The Nightmare Neighbour Next Door. A couple whose retirement was ruined by an 8ft wall built by their neighbour, plus a mother and daughter fed up with living opposite a flat full of rabbits. (R)
7.00 Can't Pay? We'll Take It Away. Enforcement agents are faced with the difficult job of evicting a woman with two children – a task that takes a turn for the worse when her ex-partner makes an appearance. (R)
7.55 5 News Weekend.
8.00 Dogs Make You Laugh Out Loud 2. Comedians Matt Richardson and Katy Brand present another selection of the most popular videos featuring dogs, while pet behaviourist Professor Peter Neville provides the scientific background. Featuring Bizkit's sleepwalking antics, which have notched up almost 33 million hits on YouTube, and footage of Norman the French sheepdog riding scooters, skateboards and bikes. (R)
9.00 Big Brother. Friday's highlights, including housemates' reactions to the latest eviction, revealing how the departure has affected the remaining contestants.
10.00 The Incredible Hulk Woman: Extraordinary People. Documentary following a mother-of-three who has rare neurological condition stiff-person syndrome, which causes severe muscle spasms in the arms and legs. (R)
10.55 Kellie Maloney: No Going Back. Documentary following the boxing promoter as she embarked on a sex change, from her appearance on Celebrity Big Brother through to her final full gender-reassignment surgery. (R)
11.55 Access. (R)
12.00 SuperCasino. **3.10** Big Brother. (R) **4.00** Furious & Funny: Caught on Camera. (R) **4.50** Make It Big. (R) **5.45** Angels of Jarm. (R)

DIGITAL

BBC Three
7.00 Top Gear **8.00** Don't Tell the Bride **9.00** Live at the Apollo **9.30** Family Guy **10.35** Match of the Day Live: Women's World Cup. Canada v China (Kick-off 11.00pm). **1.00** Family Guy **1.25** Murder in Successville **1.55** Nick Helm's Heavy Entertainment **2.25** Russell Howard's Good News **2.55** Live at the Apollo **3.25** Murder in Successville **4.00** Close
BBC Four
7.00 Fossil Wonderlands: Nature's Hidden Treasures **8.00** Wild Arabia **9.00** 1864 **10.55** TOTP2: Summertime Special **11.55** Top of the Pops: 1980 **12.35** Guitar Heroes at the BBC **1.35** Wild Arabia **2.35** Metamorphosis – The Science of Change **3.35** Close
ITV2
11.30 Britain's Got More Talent: Simon's Top Ten Moments **12.30** Film: Boobyhatchers 2nd (1993) **2.15** M4 Bean **3.25** Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records **3.55** Film: Kangaroo Jack (2003) **5.35** Film: Cats & Dogs (2001) **7.25** Film: The Lost World: Jurassic Park (1997) **10.00** Film: 2 Fast 2 Furious (2003) **12.10** Film: Red Dragon (2002) **2.25** Life's Funniest Moments **2.50** Teleshopping **5.50** ITV2 Nightscreen
ITV3
1.00 Lewis **7.00** Midsomer Murders **9.00** Foyle's War **11.00** A Touch of Frost **1.10** Wire in the Blood **2.05** ITV3 Nightscreen **2.30** Teleshopping
ITV4
11.55 BRDC Formula 4 Championship Highlights **1.00** Live FIA Formula E Championship. The Moscow ePrix. **3.30** Minder **4.30** Storage Wars **4.55** Football's Greatest: Zinedine Zidane **5.15** Live French Open Tennis. The men's doubles final. **7.00** TT 2015 **10.00** Film: You Only Live Twice (1967) **12.25** River Monsters **1.30** TT 2015 **2.30** Nitro Circus **2.50** ITV4 Nightscreen **3.00** Teleshopping
E4
12.00 Baby Daddy **1.00** The Goldbergs **2.00** How I Met Your Mother **3.00** Film: Clueless (1995) **5.00** Made in Chelsea **6.00** The Big Bang Theory **9.00** Film: Battle: Los Angeles (2011) **11.20** Gogglebox **1.25** Rude Tube **2.30** 2 Broke Girls **2.55** How I Met Your Mother **3.35** Rules of Engagement **4.25** New Girl
Film4
11.00 Gentlemen Prefer Blondes (1953) **1.00** Millions (2004) **3.05** A Monster in Paris (2011) **4.45** Biggles (1986) **6.30** Star Trek (2009) **9.00** The Sitter (2011) **10.40** Insidious (2010) **12.45** A Prophet (2009) **3.55** Close

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CHOICE



Jack Dee

Channel 4's Comedy Gala 2015 (Channel 4, 9pm)

In 1852, the Hospital for Sick Children was founded. It had just 10 beds, but thanks to the patronage of such figures as Queen Victoria and Charles Dickens, it quickly grew and soon Great Ormond Street Hospital, as it is now known, became a world-renowned centre for the treatment of sick children. Dickens was one of its first fundraisers, a role many famous personalities have adopted over the decades. The latest batch includes Aisling Bea, Alan Carr, Jack Dee, Jason Byrne, Jon Richardson, Josh Widdicombe, Trevor Noah, Michael McIntyre, Rich Hall and Warwick Davis, who are among those giving up their time to help raise cash via this annual concert at London's O2 Arena.

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. **9.00** The Andrew Marr Show. **10.00** The Big Questions. **11.00** Sunday Politics. **12.15** Bargain Hunt. (R) **1.00** BBC News: Weather. **1.15** Escape to the Country. (R) **2.00** Flog It! (R) **2.40** The Truth About Your Teeth. (R) **3.40** Points of View. **3.55** Songs of Praise. **4.30** Nigel Slater: Eating Together. (R) **5.00** Countryfile. **6.00** BBC News.

6.15 Regional Programme.

6.25 Live Formula 1: The Canadian Grand Prix. Suzi Perry introduces coverage of the seventh round of the season at the Circuit Gilles Villeneuve in Montreal (Start-time 7.00pm). World champion Lewis Hamilton is bidding to win this race for the fourth time, which would put him second on the all-time list of victors in Canada behind Michael Schumacher. Hamilton will be looking to get over the disappointment of his third-place finish in Monaco last time out, when what seemed like certain victory slipped through his grasp due to a tactical error by his team. Commentary by Ben Edwards and David Coulthard.

9.00 Jonathan Strange & Mr Norrell.

Strange develops a growing fascination with the magic of the Raven King, an obsession which drives a wedge between him and Norrell, who becomes determined to stop him resurrecting the dark powers of ancient times. Strange tries to use his magic to cure King George III of his madness, but in doing so, he begins to suspect something terrible is lurking unseen in the shadows. Drawlight is caught selling magical secrets, while the Gentleman seeks Stephen's aid in putting a stop to Strange's meddling.

10.00 BBC News.
10.20 Regional Programme.

10.30 Live at the Apollo. Jack Whitehall hosts an evening of stand-up at the Apollo in Hammersmith, London, introducing routines by Katherine Ryan and Rich Hall. (R)

11.15 Film: Blades of Glory.

(2007) Rival figure skaters bury the hatchet after they discover a loophole enabling them to compete in the world championships as a same-sex pair. Comedy, with Will Ferrell.

12.45 Weather for the Week Ahead. **12.50** BBC News.

BBC2

6.00 The Big Allotment Challenge. (R) **7.00** Countryfile. (R) **8.00** Gardeners' World. (R) **8.30** Greatest Gardens. **9.00** The Beechgrove Garden. **9.30** Saturday Kitchen Best Bites. **11.00** The Box. (R) **11.30** The Box. (R) **12.00** Mary Berry's Absolute Favourites. (R) **12.30** Alex Polizzi: Chefs on Trial. (R) **1.30** Live Athletics. The Sainsbury's Birmingham Grand Prix. **5.20** Hotel India. (R)

6.20 Film: Shall We Dance?

(2004) A bored workaholic lawyer becomes fixated with a beautiful dance teacher and enrolls in her class. When she flatly rejects his advances, he decides to concentrate on perfecting his footwork – but keeps the new hobby a secret, making his wife very suspicious about the amount of time he is spending away from home. Romantic comedy, starring Richard Gere. Edited for daytime broadcast.

8.00 Antiques Roadshow.

Fiona Bruce and the experts return to Richmond Park in west London, where members of the public gather at White Lodge, home of the Royal Ballet School, to find out the worth of various antiques and collectibles. Items include a table said to be made of timber from Old London Bridge, a Maori feather box, a patriotic musical chamber pot and an artist's brush pot bought in a junk shop more than 50 years ago. (R)

9.00 Armada – 12 Days to Save England.

Dan Snow concludes the three-part drama-documentary exploring the battle against the Spanish Armada. The final episode reveals the circumstances that led to the defeat of the invasion force, drawing on recently rediscovered documents, and also explores how victory enhanced Elizabeth I's reputation as a world leader – while many of the sailors who fought in the battle died of starvation and disease. Last in the series.

10.00 Protecting Our Foster Kids.

New series. A year in the life of Dorset County Council's fostering service. A teenager hopes to settle down with a new family, but her foster parents face some hard choices.

11.00 Film: A Single Man.

(2009) **12.30** Formula 1: The Canadian Grand Prix – Highlights. **1.30** Sign Zone: Countryfile. (R) **2.30** Holby City. (R) **3.30** This Is BBC Two.

ITV

6.00 CITV: Fort Boyard Ultimate Challenge. **6.25** Pat & Stan. (R) **6.35** Dino Dan: Trek's Adventures. (R) **6.45** Dino Dan: Trek's Adventures. (R) **7.00** Canimals. (R) **7.15** Sooty. (R) **7.30** Fort Boyard Ultimate Challenge. (R) **8.25** ITV News. **8.30** Weekend. **9.25** Judge Rinder. (R) **10.25** Judge Rinder. (R) **11.25** Long Lost Family. (R) **12.20** ITV News: Weather. **12.30** Live International Football. Republic of Ireland v England (Kick-off 1.00pm). **3.10** Live French Open Tennis. The men's singles final.

6.00 Regional Programme: Weather.
6.15 ITV News: Weather.
6.30 Catchphrase.

Stephen Mulhern hosts the revival of the game show in which contestants guess the familiar phrases hidden in animated clues, before one of them plays to win £50,000. (R)

7.15 Celebrity Squares.

Warwick Davis hosts the quiz, with guests Sue Perkins, Keith Duffy, Sara Pascoe, Melanie Sykes, Ben Miller, Matt Richardson and Trevor Noah. Last in the series.

8.00 Sunday Night at the Palladium.

Jack Whitehall introduces the variety show, featuring Simply Red, Leona Lewis, Jess Glynne, Sara Pascoe and Britain's Got Talent finalist Jack Carroll. Last in the series.

9.00 Home Fires.

Frances takes in an evacuee from Liverpool, who is not what she expected. Erica is forced to face the consequences of her actions, while Miriam writes letters to soldiers on the front line that cause more harm than good. Laura and Richard's secret affair is jeopardised when someone sees them together. Teresa receives devastating news, and Claire must decide whether or not to stand by Spencer.

10.05 ITV News: Weather.
10.20 International Football Highlights.

Republic of Ireland v England. Action from the friendly encounter at the Aviva Stadium in Dublin, the first meeting between the sides in Ireland for 20 years.

11.20 Vicious.

Violet panics when her wealthy sister announces a visit, so she and her friends begin an elaborate plan to save her from humiliation. (R)

11.50 Piers Morgan's Life Stories:

Donny Osmond. (R) **12.50** Jackpot247. **2.30** Motorsport UK. (R) **3.20** ITV Nightscreen.

CHANNEL 4

6.15 How I Met Your Mother. (R) **6.40** How I Met Your Mother. (R) **7.05** British GT. **7.35** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **8.00** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **8.30** Frasier. (R) **9.00** Frasier. (R) **9.30** Sunday Brunch. **12.30** George Clarke's Amazing Spaces. (R) **1.30** Film: We Bought a Zoo. (2011) Premiere. Fact-based comedy drama, starring Matt Damon. **3.55** Film: Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Dog Days. (2012) **5.50** Channel 4 News.

6.10 A Place in the Sun: Home or Away.

A man wants a holiday home in Wales, near to his rowing club, while his wife would prefer France's Cote d'Azur. Laura Hamilton and Adrian Simpson help them decide.

7.05 Location: Location.

Kirstie Allsopp and Phil Spencer guide prospective buyers in the popular commuter county of Kent, where homes are snapped up quickly due to their proximity to London. (R)

8.00 For the Love of Cars.

Phil Glenister and Ant Anstead look back over the hard work that has gone into restoring the vehicles featured in this series as a number of them are put up for sale. They attend a car auction to pick up some tips on these high-stakes events, and catch up with some of the motorists featured in the first series, who offer their advice on making a profit from a sale. Last in the series.

9.00 Channel 4's Comedy Gala 2015.

The annual stand-up comedy concert in aid of Great Ormond Street Hospital Children's Charity returns for a sixth year, with a host of stars appearing at London's O2 arena. Featuring Aisling Bea, Alan Carr, Jack Dee, Jason Byrne, Jon Richardson, Josh Widdicombe, Katherine Ryan, Kevin Bridges, Michael McIntyre, Paul Chowdhry, Rich Hall, Rob Beckett, Roshni Rangathan, Russell Kane, Sara Pascoe, Sean Lock, Seann Walsh, Shappi Khorsandi, Trevor Noah and Warwick Davis.

11.35 Lee Mack Live.

The comedian's live show, performed at London's Bloomsbury Theatre, in which he touches on bizarre subjects, from pasty marketing to grandmothers snorting a powdered dessert. (R)

12.40 Film: Get Him to the Greek.

(2010) **2.30** Come Dine with Me. (R) **4.45** River Cottage Bites. (R)

CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshake!: Peppa Pig. **6.05** Bananas in Pyjamas. (R) **6.15** Milkshake! Bop Box. (R) **6.20** Angelina Ballerina. (R) **6.35** Pip Ahoy! (R) **6.45** The Mr Men Show. (R) **7.00** Chloë's Closet. (R) **7.10** Milkshake! Monkey. (R) **7.15** Rook and Custard Too. (R) **7.20** Make Way for Noddy. (R) **7.35** Paw Patrol. (R) **7.50** Little Princess. (R) **8.00** Wanda and the Alien. (R) **8.15** Zack and Quack. (R) **8.25** Only the Little White Van. (R) **8.30** Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom. (R) **8.45** Jelly Jam. (R) **8.55** Toby's Travelling Circus. (R) **9.05** LazyTown. (R) **9.30** Dora and Friends. (R) **10.00** Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles. **10.35** Access. **10.40** The Dog Rescuers. (R) **11.10** Ultimate Police Interceptors. (R) **12.15** Benefit House: Me & My 26 Kids. (R) **1.10** Benefits: Babies and Jail. (R) **2.10** Benefits Britain: Life on the Dole. (R) **3.10** My Big Xmas Benefits Blow-Out. (R) **4.10** Film: Open Season 3. (2010) Premiere. Animated adventure, with the voice of Matthew J. Munn. **5.40** Film: The Haunted Mansion. (2003) Comedy, starring Eddie Murphy.

7.15 Film: The Wedding Date.

(2005) A single woman is horrified by the thought of attending her sister's wedding alone, a task made all the more daunting by the presence of her ex-fiance. Taking the bull by the horns, she hires a male escort for the occasion – but her decision has unexpected results. Romantic comedy, starring Debra Messing, Jack Davenport, Amy Adams, Dermot Mulroney and Sarah Parish.

8.55 5 News Weekend.

9.00 Big Brother. Daily round-up of highlights, revealing how the housemates are getting on under the all-seeing eye of Big Brother in the aftermath of the recent eviction. Featuring the latest tasks, games, arguments, laughs, diary-room visits and bedroom chit-chat. Narrated by Marcus Bentley.

10.00 Film: Dark Skies.

(2013) Premiere. A suburban American home attracts the attention of alien invaders, who wage a campaign of terror against its residents. Sci-fi horror, with Keri Russell and Josh Hamilton.

11.50 Film: Crank: High Voltage.

(2009) A hitman pursues a mobster who took his heart and replaced it with a machine that requires constant charging up. Action thriller sequel, starring Jason Statham.

1.35 SuperCasino. 3.10 Inside

Manchester's Midland Hotel. (R)

DIGITAL

BBC Three
7.00 Great TV Mistakes **7.30** Top Gear **8.30** Match of the Day Live: Women's World Cup. Germany v Ivory Coast (Kick-off 9.00pm). **11.00** Family Guy **11.45** American Dad! **12.05** Family Guy **12.30** Festivals, Sex & Suspicious Parents **1.30** Murder in Successville **2.00** Truly Madly Wembley **3.00** Where Am I Sleeping Tonight? **3.55** Close

BBC Four

7.00 Egypt's Lost Queens **8.00** Julie Walters in Conversation with Richard E. Grant **9.00** Film: Billy Elliot (2000) **10.45** Timeshift: 1960 – The Year of the North **11.45** Top of the Pops: 1980 – Big Hits **12.45** I'm a Popstar **1.45** The Old Grey Whistle Test: 70s Gold **3.15** Close

ITV2

12.05 Take Me Out **1.20** Take Me Out – The Gossip **2.05** Mr Bean **2.45** Film: Hotel Transylvania (2012) **4.30** Film: Jurassic Park III (2001) **6.15** Film: The Amazing Spider-Man (2012) **9.00** Love Island: Live **10.30** Film: Couples Retreat (2009) **12.50** Morn **1.40** Fake Reaction **2.15** Teleshopping **5.45** ITV2 Nightscreen

ITV3

11.00 Lewis **9.00** The One and Only Cilla Black **10.30** Lewis **12.40** Film: The Breakfast Club (1985) **2.20** Doctor in the House **3.10** ITV3 Nightscreen **3.15** Emmerdale

ITV4

11.15 Live British Touring Car Championship. Round four from Oulton Park. **1.30** Live French Open Tennis. The men's singles final. **3.15** Live British Touring Car Championship. Round four from Oulton Park. **6.30** Storage Wars **7.00** Cycling **8.00** River Monsters **9.00** TT 2015 **10.00** Motorsport UK Extra **11.30** Film: Road (2014) **1.45** TT 2015 **2.45** ITV4 Nightscreen **3.00** Teleshopping

E4

12.30 Made in Chelsea **1.35** Melissa & Joey **2.30** How I Met Your Mother **3.30** Brooklyn Nine-Nine **4.00** The Goldbergs **5.00** The Big Bang Theory **8.00** Film: The Simpsons Movie (2007) **9.45** Gogglebox **11.55** Rude Tube **12.55** Virtually Famous **1.45** Tattoos After Dark **2.40** New Girl **3.25** Hollyoaks

Film4

11.00 Titanic (1953) **1.00** Explorers (1985) **3.15** Marley and Me (2008) **5.35** Australia (2008) **9.00** Bridesmaids (2011) Comedy, starring Kristen Wiig. **11.30** The Station Agent (2003) **1.15** Rust and Bone (2012) **3.45** Close



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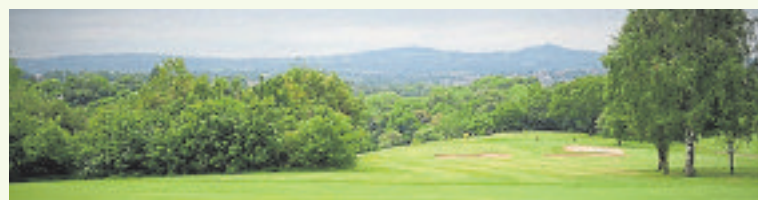
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FILM CHOICES

MONDAY
Carry On Screaming, ITV, 11.40pm
A sinister boffin, his sultry sister and two genetic misfits kidnap innocent women from spooky Hooch Wood and turn them into mannequins – but two dim-witted detectives look set to throw a spanner in the works. Comedy horror, starring Kenneth Williams and Fenella Fielding. (1966)

TUESDAY
Reign of Fire, BBC1, 11.20pm
In the aftermath of decades of apocalyptic attacks by dragons, small pockets of survivors try to stave off the scaly fire-breathers. However, the meagre remains of the world's heavy artillery are not enough to stop them, so a small group of people joins forces with a zealous dragon slayer in a final bid to save the world from destruction. Fantasy adventure, with Christian Bale and Matthew McConaughey. (2001)



Total Recall, Friday, ITV, 11.10pm

WEDNESDAY
Fatal Friends, Channel 5, 3.10pm
Quiet teenage musician Ashley is delighted when she befriends new student Michelle, until the girl shows worrying signs of being possessive. When a strange series of events threatens to disrupt Ashley's family, school life and a budding relationship, she realises she has to put a stop to Michelle's destructive behaviour. Thriller, starring Kristen Prout. (2015)

THURSDAY
Smoke Screen, Channel 5, 3.15pm
Premiere. A reporter becomes involved in a murder investigation when she wakes up next to a corpse and cannot remember a thing about the night before. Drama, with Jaime Pressly. (2010)

FRIDAY
Total Recall, ITV, 11.10pm
A construction worker pays to have fake memories of a dream holiday implanted into his brain, but discovers his mind has already been tampered with – apparently to erase his true identity as a secret agent from a colony on Mars. He journeys to the planet in search of the truth, but is drawn into a conflict between the tyrannical ruler and a rebel faction. Paul Verhoeven's sci-fi thriller, starring Arnold Schwarzenegger. (1990)

Going behind the scenes at a legendary venue

Hollywood may dominate our movie-going habits, but the British film industry has a lot to shout about. The BBC recently patted its own film-making arm on the back when it reached its 25th anniversary, and now it's turning its attention to the entire country's cinematic output – and it isn't exactly insubstantial.

"British film-making has always been defined by exceptional talents and maverick voices, championing the unique over the uniform," says Jonty Claypole, director of BBC Arts. "Working in close partnership with the BFI, benefitting from their insight and expertise, this ambitious season crosses television, radio, online and cinema screens."

Heather Stewart, Creative Director of the BFI adds: "It's a thrill to work alongside our partners at the BBC to bring Britain's illustrious big screen heritage to the UK's small screens, and highlight some of British cinema's greatest achievements to the widest possible audience."

The Genius of British Cinema season really gets going today, with the 1958 version of A Tale of Two Cities, starring Dirk Bogarde, kicking things off at 7am.

Then, at 9pm, comes Pinewood: 80 Years of Movie Magic, a feature-length documentary about the country's most famous studio.

It was founded in 1935 by J Arthur Rank, who had made his fortune from milling flour and had originally got into film-making as a way of promoting his Methodist beliefs. He joined forces with three other investors to turn Heatherden Hall and its surrounding land near Iwer Heath in Buckinghamshire into a studio that would rival anything in Hollywood.

Rank was, however, the driving force behind the project, and branched out into distribution and exhibition so that his movies would never be swamped by American products.

During the 1940s and 1960s, the Rank Organisation was behind some of the most memorable British films ever made, including A Matter of Life and Death, Henry V, Brief Encounter and Great Expectations.

Rank himself remains an important

figure, so much so that the house in which he was born in Hull recently underwent a refurbishment and was reopened with much pomp and ceremony, including a musclemans with a gong – which was the symbol of his company.

He may have backed many films over the years, but arguably Rank's greatest creation was Pinewood itself. It's still going strong and is the home of Harry Potter and James Bond, while the forthcoming Star Wars sequels were also shot there.

In this programme, Ross meets some of the stars who have worked at Pinewood, including Barbara Windsor and Joan Collins, and even watches one of John Mills' finest films alongside his daughter, Hayley, who made Whistle Down the Wind there as a child star in the 1960s.

Producer and director Matthew Vaughn shares his memories of making Kick-Ass and Kingsman: The Secret Service (both co-written with Ross' wife, Jane Goldman), and discusses why the place is so important to makers of blockbusters.



Pinewood: 80 Years of Movie Magic, Saturday, BBC2, 9pm

BEST OF THE REST

MONDAY
The Met, BBC1, 9pm
British society is forever evolving, and at the moment, of all the jobs in the public sector, the police force is arguably going through the biggest changes. This new fly-on-the-wall series takes an in-depth look at how the Metropolitan Police Service works, as viewers are taken behind the scenes of one of the country's most important institutions. The six-part show will hopefully illustrate the scale and complexity of policing London on a day-to-day basis, shining a light on how the Met works from root to branch – from Commissioner of Police Sir Bernard Hogan-Howe himself, down to the bobby on the beat. There's a look at everything from management board meetings to recruits being thrown in at the deep end on their first day. And the programme makers have promised not to shy away from the issues, and get to the heart of what it's like to be a policeman in modern Britain.

TUESDAY
Running The Shop, Channel 4, 8pm
New series. In this business-based challenge series, entrepreneur Hilary Devey persuades bosses from companies around Britain to leave

their business for three weeks and let the staff take over. The first episode centres on family owned DIY homestore Taskers in Aintree. John Tasker leaves his staff £30,000 of his own money to improve the business as he steps down for a few days. However, it remains to be seen whether cashiers Tom and Debs can win over a whole new market, or if a clever advertising idea will bring in much-needed customers.

WEDNESDAY
DIY SOS: The Big Build, BBC1, 8pm
Nick Knowles and his crack team of builders, plasterers and electricians come to the aid of Frank and Christine Burrows in Wigan. In 2012, their 35-year-old son Mark was paralysed as the result of an unprovoked attack that left him with severe brain damage. Mark now needs constant care, but the Burrows' family home is not yet fit for purpose, so Frank and Christine have been forced to take their son to a care home 15 miles away. With the help of designer Laurence Llewelyn Bowen, Nick's experts set about constructing a self-contained apartment alongside the Burrows'

two-bedroom bungalow, which will provide Nick with the space, independence and security he needs to return home.

The Interceptor, BBC1, 9pm



Ash, a talented customs agent with a troubled past, is head-hunted to join UNIT, an elite team of law enforcers that operates beyond the jurisdiction of the police. UNIT's mission is to bring justice to the serious career criminals who have become accustomed to evading the full force of the law, a goal that instantly appeals to Ash, who has a few scores to settle with certain high-ranking members of the underworld. Crime drama, starring O-T Fagbenle.

THURSDAY
Stonemouth, BBC2, 9pm
Fans of cult novels were

devastated when Iain Banks, author of The Crow Road and The Wasp Factory, died in 2013, but his work continues to find a new audience – and this two-part romantic mystery, adapted from his bestseller of the same name, should attract a few more converts. Christian Cooke heads the cast as Stewart Gilmour, who was run out of his hometown of Stonemouth by his girlfriend Ellie's criminal family, the Murstons. Now two years on, he's returning for his best friend Callum's funeral, and Don Murston (Peter Mullan) makes it clear that he's still not welcome. Stewart doesn't want to leave until he gets to the bottom of Callum's apparent suicide, but as he digs deeper he uncovers some unsettling secrets and lies.

FRIDAY
TFI Friday, Channel 4, 9pm
Remember the heady, Brit Pop-soaked days of the mid-to-late 1990s? Then prepare to feel very nostalgic indeed, as the era's must-see TV show, TFI Friday, returns for an anniversary special. Okay, so the anniversary in question is its 19th – the series actually started in 1996 – but that only fits in with the anarchic TFI vibe. Chris Evans is back as the presenter, along with all the old gang, including Danny Baker and Will Macdonald.

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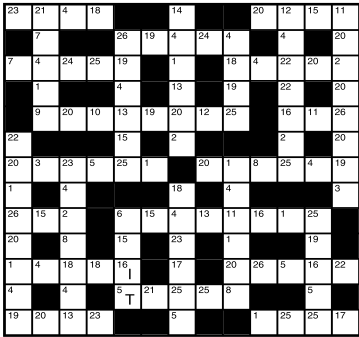
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Codeword

Each number in the grid represents a different letter of the alphabet and every letter of the alphabet is used. Use the given letter(s) to the right of the main grid to start you off.



LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:

U	S	D	Y	Z	M	E	V	G	T	N	H	F
15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27
C	L	P	J	W	R	A	B	X	K	Q	O	I

Double Crossword

Choose either quick or cryptic clues - both fit the same grid.

Cryptic Clues:

Across

- The best sort of piano? (8)
- A word from a clever book on grammar (4)
- Complacent about receding gums? (4)
- From where the sun rises? (8)
- Priest shortly unwell on seeing adornment (5)
- Where soldiers heckle? (7)
- Confidential information catches shy pair out in minister's office (13)
- Insinuation due to no mix-up at tavern (8)
- Clever putting of bulkhead in beer (4)
- Let part talk childishly (7)
- Try out production of goods on the river (5)
- Nora changes to a mixed reddish colour (4)
- Cheeky student got little devil to replace saint (8)

Down

- Compunction about code (7)
- Ring leg of fuss-pot (7)
- Top acting directors smile on the right side of ship (9,4)
- It's humbug to look at the laundry! (7)
- Go to pieces at the end of term (5,2)
- With justice put the magical creature about fifty (6)
- Captain given certain rope? (7)
- Is able to say childish bye-bye in religious composition (7)
- Yet letters record these occurrences (6)
- With a blemish instead (7)
- Unfriendly act causes giddy spasm (3-4)

Quick Clues:

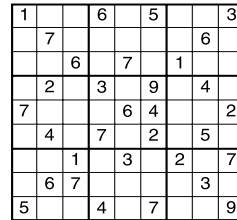
Across

- Supplement (8)
- Chances (4)
- Release (4)
- A murderer (8)
- Rustic (5)
- Gesticulation (7)
- Unpleasant (13)
- Germanic (8)
- Ill (4)
- Loss of memory (7)
- Lid (5)
- Inform (4)
- Harsh (8)

Down

- Confuse (7)
- Raise (7)
- Not important (13)
- Agitate (7)
- Genuine (7)
- Fruit (6)
- Pariah (7)
- Diary (7)
- Think fit (6)
- Decamp (7)
- Reading desk (7)

Sudoku



Fill in the grid below so that every column, every row and each of the 3x3 boxes contains all the digits from 1 to 9.

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS >

2	1	3	5	7	6	8	9	
6	5	9	4	2	8	3	1	7
7	3	8	6	9	1	4	5	2
8	2	3	9	6	4	5	7	1
4	9	6	7	1	5	2	3	8
5	7	1	2	6	3	9	4	8
1	6	2	5	4	6	7	9	3
9	4	7	8	3	2	1	6	5
3	8	5	1	7	9	8	2	4

LAST WEEK'S CROSSWORD SOLUTIONS: CRYPTIC - Across: 1 Dawdle; 4 Shower; 9 Call the police; 10 Evident; 11 Anele; 12 Again; 14 Psalm; 18 Lotto; 19 Relapse; 21 Inclined plane; 22 Desist; 23 Plates. Down: 1 Docked; 2 Walking sticks; 3 Lathe; 5 Hookahs; 6 White elephant; 7 Reeled; 8 Heats; 13 Ironies; 15 Allied; 16 Creel; 17 Sewers; 20 Lapel. QUICK - Across: 1 Stifle; 4 Favour; 9 Imperiousness; 10 Harness; 11 Ensur; 12 Hurry; 14 Essay; 18 Ambit; 19 Trident; 21 Embarrassment; 22 Steady; 23 Fattie. Down: 1 Slight; 2 Imperturbable; 3 Large; 5 Answers; 6 Overstatement; 7 Roster; 8 House; 13 Retired; 15 Caress; 16 Steam; 17 Statue; 20 Issue.

Quiz

- What does the abbreviation ASLEF stand for?
- Which war lasted from 1853-56?
- In which year did Louis Bleriot cross the English Channel?
- Which vegetable's scientific name is Brassica napobrassica?
- TAP is the airline of which country?
- What is the more common name of Schubert's Symphony No. 8 in B Minor?
- What is the middle name of Ronald Reagan?
- What was the name of the dog that went into space in 1957?
- In architecture, what is a campanile?
- On which river does Berlin stand?

Last week's solutions:

Quiz: 1 The fear of heights; 2 Sir Anthony Hopkins; 3 Bacchus; 4 Beethoven; 5 The Mekon; 6 Na; 7 Victoria; 8 1967; 9 Judges; 10 Boston.
Niner: ARCHDUKES

Niner

Each number from 1 to 9 represents a different letter. Solve the clues and insert the letters in the appropriate squares to discover a word which uses all nine letters.

62781226 gives an animal,
4758 gives a second animal,
379 gives a third animal.



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Halesowen Blakedown Road * Semi Detached * Three Good Sized Bedrooms * Re-fitted Kitchen and Re-fitted Bathroom with Shower Cubicle * Garage * Lovely Rear Garden EPC=D Offers in the region of £189,950	Smethwick St. Marys Road * Two bedroom terraced house * In need of general modernisation and improvement * Two reception rooms EPC=Ibc Offers in the region of £114,950	Halesowen Howley Grange Road * Semi-detached * In need of general modernisation * Three bedrooms * Through living room * Bedroom, bedroom 2/dining room, bathroom * Pleasant gardens, off road parking, gas boiler radiators EPC=E Offers in the region of £179,950	Halesowen New John Street * Semi-detached * Re-fitted kitchen * Three bedrooms & bathroom EPC=D £129,500 Offers in the region of £299,500	Romsley Romsley Hill Grange Farley Lane * A secluded position with aspect onto the landscaped grounds and woodland * The ground floor apartment in a unique building (of just two apartments) * Three bedrooms (Principal en-suite) * Spacious kitchen/breakfast room and utility area * Open plan lounge and inner dining area * Double garage * A must view property EPC=D Offers in the region of £285,000	Halesowen Kent Road * Detached house * Corner position * Four bedrooms (one on the ground floor) * Wet room/wc * House bathroom with shower cubicle and en-suite shower * Detached garage (access via Highland Ridge) EPC=D Offers in the region of £329,950	Halesowen Welbeck Close * Detached house * Re-fitted kitchen/breakfast room * Study and utility * Two reception rooms * Four bedrooms one with en-suite * House bathroom * Double garage EPC=D £370,000
Oldbury Pound Road * Semi detached house * Recently re-planned and modernised * Two reception rooms * Three Bedrooms * Kitchen with breakfast area EPC=D Offers in the region of £189,950	Oldbury Swan Crescent * Semi-detached house * Kitchen/dining room * Three bedrooms * Off road parking EPC=D Offers in the region of £135,950	Rowley Regis Darby Street * Semi-detached bungalow * Close to Blackheath town centre * Reception hall, lounge, kitchen * Bedroom, bedroom 2/dining room, bathroom * Pleasant gardens, off road parking, gas boiler radiators EPC=D Offers in the region of £130,000	Halesowen Hayley Park Road * Detached House * Two Reception Rooms * Breakfast Room * Kitchen * Conservatory * Three Bedrooms * Shower Room * Garage EPC=E Fixed Price £299,995	Halesowen The Rosegardens * Spacious house planned on three floors * Fitted kitchen/breakfast room/fitted cloakroom * Lounge leading to conservatory/dining room * Principal bedroom with en-suite * Two further bedrooms * House bathroom * Enclosed gardens, carport and parking space * Double glazed windows, gas boiler heating radiators EPC=C Offers in the region of £185,000	Halesowen Narrow Lane * Traditional style semi-detached house * Three bedrooms and shower room * Lounge, dining room and fitted kitchen * Utility room, side garage, good sized gardens * Gas boiler heating radiators, double glazed windows * A must view property EPC=D Offers in the region of £229,950	Halesowen Middlefield Avenue * Semi detached house * Through living room and dining room and extended kitchen * Utility and wc * Four bedrooms * Garage * Good sized rear garden EPC=D Offers in the region of £224,950

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COURTLANDS, Mucklow Hill, backs on to Halesowen Golf Course.

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HALESOWEN, Hagley Road£795 pcm+Fees
An unfurnished detached house within close proximity of Halesowen. Briefly comprising of: 3 bedrooms, large lounge, fitted kitchen, bathroom with separate w.c., driveway parking & garage, double glazing, gas central heating (new boiler) EPC: D



HALESOWEN, Ashville Drive£750 pcm+Fees
An unfurnished detached house, in a popular area, briefly comprising of: gas central heating, 2 reception rooms, fitted kitchen, downstairs w.c., 3 bedrooms, bathroom with shower, front & rear gardens, garage & driveway parking, within easy reach of Halesowen College & town centre, available early June. EPC: B



STOURBRIDGE, Trinity Road£725 pcm+Fees
A beautifully fully refurbished detached house in this very popular location in a quiet cul-de-sac position comprising of: brand new kitchen leading to a very spacious lounge overlooking a full width conservatory, 3 spacious bedrooms & a fabulous appointed bathroom with shower, integral garage, driveway for 2 cars, low maintenance garden. Available now. This property offers a very long term rental opportunity. EPC: E



HALESOWEN, Hunnington Crescent£750 pcm+Fees
Centrally located to Halesowen. This immaculate property which is not to be missed features 4 good size bedrooms, 1 large reception room, fitted kitchen with dishwasher and fridge freezer, house bathroom with shower, conservatory, block paved driveway and garage. EPC: E



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BRIERLEY HILL, Wychbury Road£675 pcm+Fees
Superb modern 3 bedroom semi-detached house comprising of: porch, entrance hall, refitted kitchen, lounge diner, conservatory, 3 bedrooms, house bathroom, tandem garage, driveway & delightful rear garden. This family home is situated in an enviable cul-de-sac position and offers a very long term rental opportunity. Available Now. EPC: B



HALESOWEN, Hunnington Crescent£650 pcm+Fees
Beautifully presented and within walking distance to Halesowen Town Centre. This 3 bedroom townhouse features a fitted kitchen, large lounge with space for a dining area, house bathroom with shower, low maintenance rear garden, double glazing and gas central heating, driveway and garage. EPC: D



HALESOWEN, Summerfield Avenue£650 pcm+Fees
Ideally located in Hurst Green, close to popular schools, motorway access and commutable to Birmingham. This lovely semi-detached home features 2 large bedrooms and a single bedroom, 2 spacious reception rooms, modern fitted kitchen, family bathroom with shower, front and rear gardens, driveway parking and garage. EPC: D



HALESOWEN, Bethesda Gardens£575 pcm+Fees
Hicks Hadley are delighted to present a 2 bedroom 2nd floor apartment. The property is double glazed and centrally heated. The accommodation is approached via a secure intercom system and briefly comprises a reception hall, modern open plan lounge/kitchen/diner, 2 bedrooms, en-suite bathroom to master a further fitted bathroom (with shower), allocated parking and communal gardens. EPC: C



HALESOWEN, Beaumont Road£550 pcm+Fees
Located minutes from Blackheath Town Centre this modern 2 bed semi house features, lounge, fitted kitchen, conservatory, bathroom with shower, driveway parking, rear garden. It also benefits from gas central heating and double glazing. EPC: D



ROWLEY REGIS, Kiln Croft£550 pcm+Fees
Located in a peaceful cul-de-sac, is this modern and terrace home which is well worth an inspection, comprising of: 2 double bedrooms, lounge, fitted kitchen with white goods, house bathroom with shower, electric heating, rear garden and 1 allocated parking space. This property will not last long, so don't miss out. EPC: B



HALESOWEN, Fatherless Barn Crescent£525 pcm+Fees
An unfurnished 3 bedroom semi detached family home within the catchment area for Colley Lane Primary School and the number 9 bus. Featuring an entrance hall, lounge, dining room, kitchen & utility, 3 good size bedrooms & upstairs walk in shower room. Large rear garden & driveway. Available Now. EPC: C



CRADLEY HEATH, Silverthorne Lane£525 pcm+Fees
A really well presented modern style 2 bedroom house close to Cradley Heath Train Station and bus links. Lounge with fireplace, large fitted kitchen with new oven/hob, patio doors to rear garden. Upstairs bathroom with shower, gas central heating, driveway parking. Minimum 12 month contract. EPC: C



HALESOWEN, Beaumont Road£495 pcm+Fees
Ideally located in Blackheath for local amenities, train station close by and the M5. This 2 double bedroom mid terrace house features 2 reception rooms, fitted kitchen, downstairs bathroom, 2 bedrooms both with wardrobes, rear flat garden, on road parking, gas central heating and double glazing. EPC: D



KIDDERMINSTER, Bewdley Road£425 pcm+Fees
A ground floor flat close to town centre & hospital comprising of: large living room, large double bedroom, fitted kitchen with oven/hob, bathroom with shower, gas central heating, double glazing, small private garden. Available Now. EPC: B



HALESOWEN, Richmond Court£425 pcm+Fees
An unfurnished 1 bed first floor flat that has recently been decorated. Featuring kitchen with integrated appliances, living room, lovely modern shower room, electric storage heating and on road parking parking. This property is close to Huntingtree Park and a few minutes drive to Halesowen Town. EPC: B



KIDDERMINSTER, Silver Street£400 pcm+Fees
A self contained ground floor apartment close to Kidderminster Train Station featuring: double bedroom, large bathroom, open plan lounge/kitchen, allocated parking, double glazed and electric storage heating. EPC: C



HALESOWEN, Lyde Green £395 pcm+Fees
Located on the popular Homer Hill Estate in Halesowen is this unfurnished 2nd floor flat, comprising of: Living room/fitted kitchen, double bedroom, bathroom with shower, communal garden, garage, and residents parking. Available now. EPC: E



ROWLEY REGIS, Winchester Close£395 pcm+Fees
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NEW
FRANKLEY AVENUE, HALESOWEN
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NEW
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 EXTENDED semi-detached home in CUL-DE-SAC position. GARAGE en-bloc & rear garden having SOUTHERLY aspect. 16ft lounge diner & UPVC CONSERVATORY. Utility room & d/s WC. 3 GOOD SIZE bedrooms & family bathroom. Benefits from ATTIC ROOM. UPVC DG & GCH. EPC rating: D

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NEW
WIGORN ROAD, BEARWOOD
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QUINTON **£134,950**



MUST BE VIEWED
GLADYS ROAD, SMETHWICK
 VERY WELL PRESENTED terraced home. REFITTED 12ft kitchen & 2 separate reception rooms. REFITTED downstairs bathroom with white suite. 2 DOUBLE bedrooms on 1st floor. UPVC DG & GCH fitted, Extensive lawn rear garden. EPC rating: D

QUINTON **£119,950**



NEW
THRONE RD, ROWLEY REGIS
 WELL PRESENTED home with BLOCKPAVED driveway to front. 14ft lounge with FITTED kitchen & utility room. REFITTED family bathroom with white suite. 3 GOOD SIZE bedrooms. Lawned rear garden with SW aspect. UPVC DG & GCH fitted. EPC rating: D

QUINTON **£114,950**



NEW PRICE
WOLVERHAMPTON RD, OLDBURY
 NO UPWARD CHAIN & SPACIOUS home with 2 DOUBLE bedrooms. Benefits from D/S WC, lounge, REFITTED kitchen. REFITTED shower room on 1st floor, separate w.c. and pleasant rear garden. VIEWING ESSENTIAL. EPC rating C.

BEARWOOD **£104,950**



NEW
LAUNDRY ROAD, SMETHWICK
 NO UPWARD CHAIN. End terraced home with 2 reception rooms, 9ft kitchen & d/s shower room. 3 bedrooms on 1st floor. LOW MAINTENANCE gardens to front & rear. GCH UPVC DG fitted. EPC rating: D

BEARWOOD **£99,950**



NEW
WARWICK CLOSE, OLDBURY
 NO UPWARD CHAIN. A deceptively spacious, well proportioned, 2 bedroomed end terraced property occupying a pleasant position requiring some modernisation. Porch, Entrance hall, spacious through lounge/dining area, kitchen, 2 Bedrooms, Bathroom, Separate wc, and pleasant rear garden. EPC E.

BEARWOOD **£94,950**



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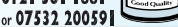
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Afterwards travel to the buzzing city of Edinburgh, where there will be some free time to explore before arriving at the magnificent Edinburgh Castle for the highlight of the break, the Edinburgh Military Tattoo. Please note that visitors will be required to climb a hill to reach the castle*.

The programme will include popular performances such as Massed Pipes and drums, Military bands and the Lone Piper, as well as display teams and dancers.

At Loch Katrine in the heart of the Trossachs, join the 45-minute circular cruise on the SS Sir Walter Scott, a great way to take in the scenery. During the cruise passengers can also learn of the tales and legends of the loch. A visit to the small town of Aberfoyle is also made for some free time.

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The first stop will be the ancient city of Durham where there will be time to visit the iconic cathedral and castle, or browse the stylish boutiques and quirky craft shops.

At Lindisfarne take in the fabulous views, visit the romantic Lindisfarne Castle and the ancient Priory ruin, and find out about island life at the Lindisfarne Centre (all entrance fees payable locally). Then a stop will be made at the coastal village of Bamburgh, dominated by a great sandstone castle overlooking the Farne Islands, where there will be chance to enjoy some more free time.

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Three days departing September 19

Enjoy a nostalgia-packed Beatles coach tour of the places where the history of popular music was changed forever, and journey on the legendary Ferry 'cross the Mersey on this three day break.

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There will also be chance to visit to the Cavern Club itself - one of Britain's most legendary music venues.

PRICE INCLUDES:

- Return coach travel
- Two nights half-board accommodation
- A Beatles coach tour
- Entrance to the Cavern Club
- A cruise on the Ferry 'cross the Mersey
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- Flight on the London Eye
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- Visit to Henley-on-Thames
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Ford Focus is getting even better

By Anthony Martyn

Every once in a while, a car is launched that instantly makes all of its rivals look stupid and old. Ford pulled off that particular trick back in 1998, when it launched the Mk 1 Focus. The way it drove was a revelation. and now we are on the fourth incarnation.

Ford has subtly tweaked the handling, making changes to the suspension to improve the ride and slightly lightening the steering. As a result, it's a better long-distance travelling companion.

The engine range has also been much revised. Let's start with petrol power. Though at the foot of the range, it's still possible to get the old-tech 1.6-litre Ti-VCT unit in 85, 105 and 125PS guises, the mainstream petrol line-up is these days primarily based around the brand's clever 1.0-litre three cylinder turbo EcoBoost unit, offered with either 100 or 125PS.

Above that now sits a 1.5-litre EcoBoost unit, offered with either 150 or 182PS. EcoBoost technology is also used in the hot hatch models, with a 2.0-litre 250PS unit used in the Focus ST and a 2.3-litre 320PS powerplant used in the top Focus RS.

Those in search of a diesel have a choice between the old-tech 1.6-litre TDCi units, offering either 95 or 115PS. Or newtech 1.5-litre TDCi engines offering either 95 or 120PS. Make sure you know what you're getting.

Above these, there's an uprated 150PS 2.0-litre TDCi unit, also offered in 185PS guise to Focus ST buyers. Otherwise, the only other option is the intriguing Focus Electric model which uses a combination of a 107KW electric motor and a 23kWh lithium-ion battery to deliver a useful 142PS and 250Nm of torque.

Many will balk at the restricted 100-mile driving range though.

Distinctive

It's only when you put this improved Focus next to the original third generation version that you realise just how much more expensive this model looks.

The most obvious change is the addition of an Aston Martin-style trapezoidal front grille, there to give the front end a more distinctive look also emphasised by subtle chrome detailing and these slimmer, smarter front headlights and re-styled foglamps.

The interior has also been given a serious once-over. The fascia design is more intuitive, that button-strewn centre stack and steering wheel being tidied up considerably.

The black satin trim and chrome detailing contribute to a cleaner aesthetic too. Many of the controls are now marshalled by the SYNC 2 high-resolution, 8in colour touch screen system. This includes voice control for 'easier' access to audio, navigation, climate control and compatible mobile phones.

One thing that's undoubtedly an improvement is practicality. The centre storage console offers more space as well as a new sliding, integrated armrest, accommodating a variety of bottles and cups with the capacity to simultaneously hold a litre water bottle and a 400ml cup.

It's actually quite hard to know where to start when trying to explain the Focus model range to an unfamiliar buyer. It is, after all, so vast. Still, we'll do our best. The simplest aspect is the availability of just two bodystyles, a five-door hatch or, for a model-for-model premium of around £1,100, a smartly-styled estate option.

Most of the mainstream petrol variants offer the option of automatic transmission too. It's the under-the-bonnet issues though, that require Focus buyers to really know the ropes when it comes to the selection process.

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Standard equipment on 1 Series better than ever before

By Ian Donaldson

When a car as important to BMW as its 1 Series hatchback comes around for a refresh you can bet the designers laboured long into the night on the tiniest detail. How about making the exhaust pipe a little bit fatter because it gives the back of the car a more sporty look?

Tick that one off among a host of changes to a model that claims one in five sales to British buyers of new BMWs and is expected to find 30,000 homes here each year.

You need to be a bit of a BMW anorak to spot the new tailpipe but changes to the lights at both ends give the latest 1 Series a wider, bolder look.

Inside, the cockpit is still aimed at serious drivers but there's a modest injection of extra pizzazz with added gloss black and splashes of chrome.

But it's under the surface where BMW has made its more important changes, starting with the choice of a new diesel engine (largely shared with a Mini Cooper D) that promises more than adequate performance and startling (theoretical) economy.

More powerful diesels are offered too, along with a range of petrol engines that climax with the M135i and its 155mph potential.

And for those critics who said BMWs were too meanly equipped for the money, comes news that every new car from the company – from cheapest 1 Series upward – will have satellite navigation as standard by September.

Generous

That doesn't mean you will be short of the chance to spend extra on options, of which there is long list, from metallic paint (£550) and a £600 sound system upgrade to active cruise control (£790) and a £330 reversing camera.

Even so, standard kit across the new range (which extends from £20,245 to £31,730 at the moment) is more generous than reputation has, ranging from DAB radio and Bluetooth to a big colour screen on the dash, climate control and LED lights at the rear.

Most buyers are happy to pay £1,000 more for a Sport package of different alloys, steering wheel and body styling tweaks or even find £2,700 for an M Sport package of bigger alloys, LED headlights, styling additions and firmer suspension.

Whichever version you end up with it will be a notably well finished car with plenty of room in the front, adequate space in the rear for grown-ups and a reasonably sized boot. If you need extra space at the expense of losing that sporty feel, BMW will happily point you towards the new 2 Series mini MPV.

Out on the road in the most economical version of this latest 1 Series you soon enjoy the characteristic thrum from its three-cylinder diesel engine (distant but mildly sporty) and relish the way it moves the car with enthusiasm.

A crisp, firm gearchange and well-weighted steering combine with a ride that stays firmly in control without ever descending to discomfort to make this a car that covers ground with real enthusiasm.

And with fine economy too. A brisk drive over some challenging Wiltshire roads saw 57mpg on the trip computer, with a gentler session tipping the figure well into the 60s. That's a commendable figure and a realistic aim for a long term owner too.

The £395 worth of front sports seats were superbly comfortable, lacking only adjustable lumbar support (£230 extra) as a final flourish.

Even so, here is a car that looks set to keep BMW dealers and buyers happy for years to come.



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Warm blast with this wind

By John Griffiths

It's a tough life: soon after Volkswagen unveils its ultimate sporting model to put at the top of your wish list, VW comes up with another.

This is the new Scirocco R, a low sleek and purposeful coupe which, under the skin, has much in common with the flagship Golf R. But it's lower, wider and with its distinctive coupe styling just one glance is enough to tell you this is a car with sporting pretensions.

Once behind the wheel, in the cockpit-like driver's position, you very rapidly become aware this is no empty promise: stunning acceleration and super sharp handling make a sporting dream become reality.

Lower and wider than the Golf, on the road it's potent but composed. It's hard to explain but it just feels so right.

The prices are similar (£32,035 for the Scirocco) so if you're lucky enough to be in this area of the market it comes down to personal choice, and perhaps a little more practicality in the Golf's hatchback body if you're a family man.

Under the Scirocco's bonnet is VW's renowned 2.0 litre turbocharged petrol engine, producing a whopping 280Ps of power and 350Nm of torque, which explains its 5.3 seconds for the 0 to 62mph acceleration time. That's with the dual clutch DSG auto transmission – the six speed manual is four tenths slower.

That's slightly down on the comparable Golf, which has an extra 20PS

under the right foot, but neither are likely to have much practical effect on ordinary roads.

The Scirocco was designed as a coupe in the traditional sense and there are not too many competitors in this class if you compare performance and price.

This latest version has been refined and modernised with new headlights, fog lights and daytime running lights (LEDs are optional), LED taillights, and a redesigned front bumper which now features an aerodynamic blade or splitter.

Inside, the dashboard has been updated with new-look dials and auxiliary instruments in a pod above the centre console, a tribute to the 1974 original.

Pleasant

There's a real sporting ambience as you slide into the beautifully shaped and low-slung leather sports seats, with instruments falling easily to hand. Visibility is good, despite the low seating, and there's an upmarket feel.

The soundtrack is a pleasant rasp under acceleration, but it's slightly muted and not so loud as to be tiresome on the sort of long journey this car would make light work of.

The boot is impressive for a coupe (343 litres with the rear seats up, 1,233 seats down). There's quite a lip to lift luggage over but somehow as the car is already low slung it doesn't seem so bad.

The Scirocco is fitted with VW's adaptive chassis with comfort, normal and sport settings, allowing you to choose throttle response, damper rates and steering map.

In practice 'Normal' is perfect for



most conditions, providing a good balance between composed ride and the sort of sharp, precise handling you expect from a dedicated sports model. Sporting mode, naturally, firms things up so you get a harder ride for dynamic benefits you shouldn't really need on public roads, as the normal setting does the job perfectly well.

It feels quick and eager to turn in, assisted by a sophisticated electronic differential system which very effectively eliminates the dual demons of powerful front wheel drive cars – understeer and torque steer. It's also wider and lower than the Golf, imparting even more to its inherent stability.

The Scirocco R, equipped with the excellent DSG transmission is slightly quicker than the manual, 0 to 62mph sprint in 5.3 seconds. But equally, if not more important, is its impressive in-gear performance in the 40 to 60mph and 50 to 70mph overtaking brackets: it is certainly a car for making progress on our congested roads.

Average fuel consumption is 35.3mpg according to official figures, but that of course depends on driving style. Its CO2 rating is 187g/km, which under current rules puts it in the 30 per cent bracket for benefit in kind tax.

If you want good looks and fun for less money, the latest Scirocco die-

sel at may appeal. It's still a quick car (0 to 62mph in 7.5 seconds) but its capable of averaging a pretty staggering 64.2mpg. That's a CO2 figure of 115g/km – better than some small family hatchbacks – and you BIK tax liability falls to 19 per cent of the lower £28,375 purchase price. Insurance will cost less, too.

The mighty R version sits at the top of a four-model range, although all come with a comprehensive package of safety systems including six airbags, electronic stability control and differential systems, ABS with brake assist, traction control and parking sensors. It is distinguished by larger,

19-inch alloys for its low profile tyres. Inside, you get standard features such as dual zone climate control, multifunction computer, electric front windows and mirrors, automatic headlights, multifunction steering wheel and a touchscreen control for navigation, audio and communications systems.

It is a distinctly different offering, no doubt part of its attraction, and the range will be complemented soon by the new, 220PS Scirocco S.

With the recent raft of upgrades to the family, VW is aiming to broaden the appeal and build on the car's sound fan base.

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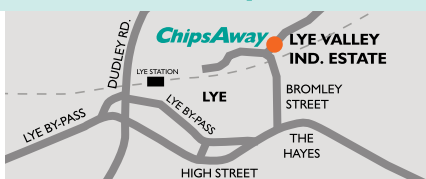
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Hatton night in venue move and price drop

AN evening with multi-time world boxing champion Ricky Hatton next month has been switched to the Norfolk Hotel in Birmingham with ticket prices slashed.

The ring great was due to top of the bill for an evening at Dunstall Racecourse, but the event has now been switched to the bigger Hagley Road venue.

'The Hitman' will now spend the night in the second city on Friday June 19 to talk about his life and career, during a question and answer session.

Still just 36, the Mancunian ruled as the IBF, IBO and WBA 'super' title holder and is the only Englishman to have shared a ring with Floyd Mayweather Jr and Manny Pacquiao.

He's headlined the major shows in Las Vegas and over here, too, which drew a then-record 55,000 fans to what is now the Etihad Stadium at Manchester City Football Club.

The famed bodysnatcher lost just three times in 48 pro contests at light welterweight and welter, with two of those to Mayweather and Pacquiao.

He's won legendary wars with the likes of Kostya Zsu, Luis Collazo and Juan Urango and was Ring Magazine's Fighter of the Year in 2005, when he held their title.

He took a long hiatus from the sport before an ill-fated return after three years in 2012, where he was counted out in the ninth round against Vyacheslav Senchenko.

Tickets, which include a meal, start from £25. For information, call event organiser Ken Purchase on 07976 842 383.

Jamieson is making a big impression

HALESOWEN Cycling Club's Jamieson Blain, aged 13, continues to show how he is developing into an accomplished rider with an impressive showing in a recent tour.

He finished a fine fourth overall in the Screen Tech Youth Tour U-14 age group race which took place over four stages on the Preston Circuit recently.

Blain was the leading Halesowen rider from the club team which included Liam Allen, Luke Harris, Ella Harris, Alex Barker and Daniell Barker.

The Halesowen youngsters are all looking forward to riding in the Halesowen Friday Night Track League.

The league is due to resume on Friday June 12 at the Manor Abbey Cycle Track.

Berahino in, Afobe out for England

WOLVES striker Benik Afobe has missed out on a place with England at the European Under-21 Championships with Albion's Saido Berahino named in the 23-man squad.

Berahino was included as expected by boss Gareth Southgate in the final party for the championships in the Czech Republic this month, but Afobe missed the cut as the group was whittled down from 27 to 23.

Berahino had been a key player in England's qualifying campaign for the finals and has been named along with Tottenham's Harry Kane and Burnley's Danny Ings as the strikers in the final squad.

But Afobe, whose flying form for Wolves in the second half of the season propelled him into contention,

was left out.

Southgate said: "Benik had been in the England system at younger age groups and had a really good season last year and if we had any problems then I wouldn't hesitate to call him in.

"He's been really enthusiastic about potential involvement and I've been very impressed.

"But it's always a difficult conversation to have because you'd like to give everybody the opportunity, but you're not able to do that."

Albion boss Tony Pulis said: "It's a brilliant achievement for Saido.

"I hope he goes out there and has a successful tournament because he thoroughly deserves this

recognition. To be capped for your country – at any level – is a great honour and achievement.

"It's a fitting end to what was an excellent season for Saido.

"Since I walked through the door he's been a good professional and improved his overall game."

England have been drawn in Group B and will take on Portugal (June 18), Sweden (June 21) and Italy (June 24). The tournament concludes on June 30.

Meanwhile, two Wolves players are due in action at under-20 level this evening, with full-backs Dominic Iorfa and Kortney Hause expected to feature for England against Mexico.

Frustration as rivals show fighting spirit

HALESOWEN skipper Faisal Shahid admitted he was frustrated by the resistance of Stourbridge after seeing the teams draw at the weekend.

A stunning innings of 93 from just 53 balls from wicketkeeper Wes Griffiths proved to be in vain as the visitors just held on with some stubborn batting.

After losing the toss the home side were put into bat by Stourbridge and it was the skipper who got the innings off to a steady start with youngster Juhar Johal.

The opening partnership was worth 44 when Shahid, back in some sort of form after his difficulties of recent weeks, was first out for 28 after getting a leading edge to the bowling of Stourbridge's young seamer Zain Ul Hassan.

Johal was happy to play the anchor role until he was dismissed for 11 quickly followed by overseas star Tarryck Gabriel (1) who was beaten in the fight by a delivery from his Stourbridge and St. Lucian counterpart Audy Alexander.

Boundary

Former Brockhampton duo Ben Stebbings and Will Barrett moved the total into three figures before Stebbings (36) was out to a fine catch on the boundary by Ul Hassan off the bowling of spinner James Wood.

That set the scene for Griffiths to enter and plunder the Stourbridge bowling in one of the most aggressive displays of hitting seen at Seth Somers Park in years.

After losing the wicket of Barrett (32) Griffiths innings, which contained seven sixes and seven fours, single-handedly took Halesowen to a total of 241-8 and maximum batting points off their allotted 55 overs when at one stage it looked like anything over 200 would have been a bonus.

Alex Bingham and Steve Game got the Stourbridge innings got off to a steady start until Bingham (17) was caught at short cover off the bowling of Faisal Shahid with the score on 37. Opening partner Game (23) quickly followed when caught behind by Griffiths again off the bowling of Shahid who went on the bowl through his 17 overs to return figures of 3-35.

Stourbridge were still in the hunt but Alexander was controversially given run out for 21.

Tennis star Whiley hauls in bronze



Britain's bronze medallists including Halesowen's Jordanne Whiley, left. Pic: Mathilde Dusol

HALESOWEN'S Jordanne Whiley sealed Great Britain's women a bronze medal in the BNP Paribas World Team Cup for the sixth time in seven years.

At the flagship team wheelchair tennis event – held in Antalya, Turkey – world number nine Lucy Shuker got Britain's challenge under way by racing through the opening set of her singles match against Bianca Osterer 6-0 before

Osterer was forced to retire with Shuker also leading the second set 2-0.

Whiley completed a 2-0 win over Germany when she defeated Katharina Kruger.

"I'm very proud of the team for pulling it out of the bag after what's been a tough week," said Whiley, who will now head to Roland Garros for this year's French Open. Meanwhile, Gordon Reid

and Whiley will both face Dutch opposition on Wednesday when the wheelchair tennis event gets underway at Roland Garros.

Reid plays world No. 8 Mailkel Scheffers for a place in the men's singles semi-finals and Whiley takes on world No. 2 and Australian Open champion Jiske Griffioen in the women's singles at the second Grand Slam of the year in Paris.

Benteke will head out of Villa, says Lambert

FORMER Villa boss Paul Lambert believes Christian Benteke will leave the club this summer as rumours emerge the forward wants European football.

The 24-year-old striker is set for showdown talks with Tim Sherwood this week as the manager bids to hold on to his star asset.

Benteke currently has two years left on the deal he signed in 2013, but is wanted by Liverpool and a host of other clubs who are reportedly ready to match his £32.5m buy-out clause.

The player's agent, Eris Kismet, has allegedly claimed his client wants Europa League or Champions League football next season.

And Lambert expects the player, who he signed for around £7m from Genk, to soon be out the Villa exit door.

"It looks like if he is going to go, it will be this year," Lambert said.

"But I had it every year I was there that he probably wanted to go, because he was playing that well, you can't stop teams coming in with that level of money.

"It depends how Aston Villa want to view it now. If Christian goes maybe they will get money to buy someone. But as a goalscorer and a player, he's top class.

"In his first year at Villa he was only behind Cristiano Ronaldo and Lionel Messi in terms of goalscoring ratio, which was an incredible achievement.

"He's certainly good enough. He's only 24, he's got years ahead of him. Okay he didn't have a good game on Saturday but he is a top, top player."

Another forward potentially heading out of Villa Park is Andri Weimann.

George find themselves in a battle

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THE George had to battle hard to overcome a strong Penn side in a match where each side had six winners.

A close first four saw The George hold a slender two-shot lead with Neil Hopwood (21-11) and Paddy McGuinness (21-12) winning.

In the middle four wins by Dave Hoffman (21-6), Steve Fagan (21-13) and Darren Wood (21-15) built up a 20 shot advantage and appeared to have put the match out of the reach of Penn, but they fought back to have three winners out of the last four with The George won by two shots thanks to Keith Waltons 21-15 card.

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Hutton will focus on the positives

VILLA full-back Alan Hutton is determined to focus on the positives – despite his side suffering the official worst FA Cup final defeat since 1903.

Only Chelsea in 1994 and Brighton & Hove Albion in 1983, both to Manchester United, have suffered the ignominy of a 4-0 Cup final reverse – and the latter only after it went to a replay.

But Hutton believes there is plenty to be thankful for after Tim Sherwood saved Villa from Premier League relegation and guided them to the final of the world's oldest and most famous domestic cup competition for the first time since 2000.

“We have to take the positives – we stayed up and got to a final,” said the defender.

“When the new manager came in, things turned and there's a lot of positives about us, so we need to strengthen the squad and see where we can go.”

As well as targeting the transfer market, the 30-year-old knows the current side need to work even harder to make sure the Villans do not find themselves back in a battle to avoid the drop next year.

“Everyone knows the squad needs to be strengthened and every squad needs to have competition for places,” he said. “We have to do better, improve ourselves and train as hard as we can.”

Although Villa came up short on the day, the Scottish international – who has revived his Villa career after ending last season on loan at Bolton in the Championship – was keen to heap praise on to the victors of the day.

“Arsenal are a world-class team – you can't take anything away from them because they have quality all over the pitch,” he said.

Wallace looks to reach a new level under boss Jackett

JED WALLACE admits he has been ‘blown away’ by the scale of Wolves’ ambition as he revealed his Molineux move is a dream come true.

The £275,000 signing from Portsmouth believes he can take his game to a whole new level after confessing he has been bowled over by his new surroundings.

“Wolves blew me away with their ambition. It was unbelievable,” said the 21-year-old attacking midfielder.

“After walking around there for two or three hours and speaking to people, I was thinking it was a move which can take my game to a whole new level.

“Molineux is unbelievable and I couldn't be happier – it's the best feeling to sign for a club like that.

“They're going for the Premier League – they're gunning for it. Kenny Jackett has given me a chance and to play at a club like that in that division is a dream come true. If I do well here, my career can really take off, like I always wanted it to. Wolves went out of their way to make me feel welcome.”

He believes he can rival the 17 goals he scored for Pompey last season.

Rowe aims to return with a bang

WOLVES' forgotten man Tommy Rowe has opened up on his injury hell and declared: “This is my season.”

Injuries restricted the utility man to just 14 appearances last year, but he has vowed to make a far bigger impact in 2015/16.

The former Peterborough captain played his last game in December and had to watch from the sidelines as his team-mates went within a whisker of reaching the play-offs.

Rowe was thought to be coming back into the fold in April, but a knee injury hampered his comeback, after he had previously suffered a bro-

Football

ken foot twice including during the Boxing Day win at Watford.

Rowe admitted: “It was a frustrating first season for me.

“The lads did really well and it was great to watch in the second half of the season even though I would rather not have been watching.

“Hopefully this is my season now to go out there and get a good run of games under my belt and show what I can do.

“All I have been thinking about since picking

up the injury over Christmas was my next game.

“I hoped that would be at the end of last season and that was probably the drive which got me back.

“Now I am even more determined and excited about what is to come and have already been studying the pre-season fixtures.

“I can't wait for the first training session and the first game.”

Fitness-wise, 26-year-old Rowe said he was now in a ‘good place’ and was hoping to start pre-season in great shape.

And he is happy to be boss Kenny Jackett's utility man if he mean's he's in the team.

GUNNERS SHOW THEIR FOUR-CE

Arsenal 4 Villa 0

IT was a day that promised much but delivered so painfully little.

Villa fans may have walked along Wembley Way in hope rather than expectation before the start of the 134th FA Cup final.

But never, in their worst nightmares, would they have believed their biggest day out in more than 20 years would turn into such disappointment.

In the modern era of football, where winning trophies is becoming increasingly difficult for anyone outside the top four, trips to Wembley have to savoured.

Yet as their manager stood with his head in his hands after Per Mertesacker, with the simplest of headers, put Arsenal 3-0 ahead – many Villa fans headed to the exit doors of the world's most famous stadium.

When that goal went in, there was 30 minutes still remaining – with Sherwood opting to bring on midfield enforcer Carlos Sánchez in a bid to prevent any further damage.

Juggernaut

But Villa were unable to stop the Arsenal juggernaut from the first whistle to the last and when Olivier Giroud swept home a fourth in stoppage time, he wrapped up an historical day for Arsène Wenger's side.

Arsenal are now the only team to have lifted the FA Cup 12 times. The result also ensured Wenger became only the second manager, and the first foreigner, to lift the trophy six times – with Villa great George Ramsey the other man to do so.

Arsenal were electric, with Santi Cazorla and Mesut Özil dominant in midfield.

The Spaniard and the German may not be the biggest or the strongest, but they ran the game with a finesse Villa could never get to grips with.

Even when Sherwood's side did manage to get on the ball, they were bereft of any movement or invention with their passing sloppy and their tackling rash.

A cross from the the lively Nacho Monreal was headed back across goal by Alexis Sanchez and,



Aston Villa's Ron Vlaar is dejected during the FA Cup Final at Wembley Stadium

with Villa's defenders failing to react, Walcott fired an unstoppable strike past Shay Given.

Only brilliance from keeper Given and left-back Kieran Richardson, with a vital block, had ensured the men in claret and blue went in at the break just a solitary goal down.

But with an inspirational talk from Sherwood and a positive start to the second period, there was still genuine belief Villa could turn things around.

Sadly, whatever was said at the interval was soon irrelevant after Sanchez scored a goal fitting for a final.

The winger, who now looks a snip at £30m,

picked up the ball 25 yards from goal and fired an unstoppable strike, which dipped and swerved past Given and into the net. It was a world-class finish from a world-class player and when Mertesacker then made it 3-0 everybody knew Villa's 58-year wait for an FA Cup was set to tumble on.

Despite everything, Villa did improve slightly. Jack Grealish, of whom so much was expected, had a decent appeal for a penalty turned down late on when Héctor Bellerín tugged at his shirt.

While Gabby Agbonlahor had previously seen a penalty appeal waved away after he was tumbled to the ground.

Sherwood was, understandably, left devastated.

Berahino is likely to go, Foster

GOALKEEPER Ben Foster thinks it is ‘inevitable’ Saido Berahino will leave Albion for a top-four club – if the striker keeps performing in the Premier League.

The 21-year-old scored 20 goals in all competitions in a season which also saw him earn a first senior England call-up.

Speculation has linked him with a move to a top-four side and Foster believes the club will eventually receive an offer they find too good to turn down.

“If he keeps working and performing in the Premier League it is inevitable you are going to get the big clubs come knocking,” said the Baggies keeper. “Eventually there is going to be an offer too good to refuse.

“He has got bags of potential and is still so raw, he is still only a young lad.

“If we can just polish him up a bit more you can see even more from him.

“When it comes to big clubs coming in for him, that is probably going to be inevitable.”

Albion remain hopeful of agreeing an extension to Berahino's current deal, which has two years left to run, with boss Tony Pulis urging the striker to remain at Albion in order to protect his development.

While the youth team product enjoyed a fine season on the pitch, he courted controversy off it at times, most notably in February when he gave an unauthorised interview and talked of moving to a “bigger club”.

But Foster believes a more mature Berahino is unlikely to rock the boat this summer and push for a move.

“Saido is a good lad, I'm sure he'll keep his head down and we won't see any of the farcical stuff you've seen with other players in the news lately.”

Top sprinters are ready for Brum GP

THE world's best female sprinters will line up over 200m at the Sainsbury's Birmingham Grand Prix on Sunday, June 7, as the new British 100m record holder Dina Asher-Smith takes on the likes of Allyson Felix and Shelly-Ann Fraser-Pryce.

American Felix currently tops the world 200m rankings after running 21.98 seconds at the Doha leg of the IAAF Diamond League, but the eight-time world champion and reigning Olympic champion will face a stern test from current world champion and Olympic silver medallist Shelly-Ann Fraser-Pryce of Jamaica.

Three of Felix's eight world titles have been at 200m

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